

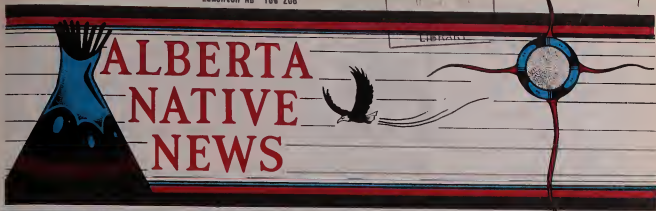
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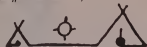
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## AFN Chief accuses Canada of racism

Assembly of First Nations Chief Matthew Coon Come told a United Nations conference against racism that the Indigenous people of Canada "have been deprived of our means of subsistence and our lands and are being denied our right to benefit fully and equitably from our natural wealth and resources."

He lashed out against the government of Canada during his recent remarks at the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa. He shocked many of the 1000 international delegates in the audience with his perspective of Canada's human rights record.

"Right across Canada, we have been assigned to tiny, marginal areas of land called 'Indian reserves,' less than a few percent of our traditional lands. The Canadian state has retained for itself the resource rights, even under our feet. Our communities are overcrowded. They often lack adequate sanitation and clean drinking water. Many of our people are homeless. Our dwellings are often substandard and dangerously overcrowded. We suffer very high rates of tuberculosis, HIV and other infectious diseases. In some Canadian provinces, although our people are 10 percent or less of the overall population, we make up the great majority of the prison population.

"These conditions, coupled with our mass poverty and unemployment, often lead to hopelessness and despair among our peoples. Sadly, many of our youth are choosing death over life, and we are experiencing epidemic rates of suicide. In some cases we have the highest suicide rates anywhere in the world.

"Often, when we protest and assert our rights against our marginalization, landlessness and dispossession, the Canadian state has used force against us - even lethal force. In the 1990s and early 2000s, this pattern of state and police violence against Indigenous peoples in Canada seemed to worsen.

"Most recently, force was used to prevent our people from exercising marine fishing rights. These rights, which have been upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada, have all been assigned by the Canadian state to non-Aboriginal fishermen, while affected Indig-

enous people are 80 to 90 percent unemployed. When our people tried to obtain a moderate livelihood from the sea, white mobs burned our boats and beat our people.

The Canadian government intervened only to ram our boats at sea. Many charges laid were laid against our people, who are only trying to survive, through the exercise of fishing rights we have enjoyed for thousands of years. Few if any charges have been laid against those responsible for the violence against our people. As we speak today, this particular situation is

flaring up, and yesterday received an appeal that international monitors be sent to Eastern Canada to ensure that the government and non-Indigenous mobs do not repeat last year's violence against our fishermen.

"I realize this may be surprising news for some of you Canadians, and the government of Canada, present themselves around the world as upholders and protectors of human rights. In many ways, this reputation is well-deserved. In South Africa, the government of Canada played a prominent role in isolating the apartheid regime. In many other countries, Canada provides impressive international development assistance.

"However, at home in Canada, the oppression, marginalization and dispossession of Indigenous peoples continues."

Chief Coon Come said that the situation

in Canada has been referred to as "Canada's hidden shame."

He later told media that much of the \$7 billion spent by Ottawa on First Nations citizens is actually wasted on government bureaucracy. He proposed that the federal government should implement the recommendations of its own Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996) which stated that "Aboriginal peoples in Canada need much more territory to become economically, culturally and politically self-sufficient. If they cannot obtain a greater share of the lands and resources in this country, they will be unable to build their communities and structure the opportunities necessary to achieve self-sufficiency."

"If we could revenue share from the natural resources attached to our lands, we wouldn't have to rely on government handouts," said Coon Come. "I hate government handouts. I feel like a beggar in my own country, always asking the federal government for money."



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# A terrible tragedy: terrorists wage war against America

by Xavier Kataquapit

History was made once again with the tragedy of the terrorist attacks on the twin towers of the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Like everyone else in the world I watched in amazement and disbelief at what I saw on the television screen.

This terrible event in our world history has had a deep impact on many people throughout the globe. It was broadcast around the world by the international media and it seemed as though every television in every country had coverage on this tragedy. The world is a lot smaller now with the communications technologies that are available and an attack such as this makes it possible to take everyone to the event as it is happening.

As I watched the terrible live pictures on the screen, my parents, Marius and Susan, up north were doing the same. Everyone in Attawapiskat was watching and they understood that many people were dying before their eyes.

The day after the terrorist attacks, I called my parents to ask if they had seen the events and how they felt about what had happened. They acknowledged that they understood that many people had died and at the same time they could not believe what they had viewed. Like many other people they could not believe the sights and sounds that had occurred in New York. After all, they had seen so many similar images through fantastic movies with special effects over the years. People like my parents who are traditional Cree have English as a second language. They were confused when I talked to them and had lots of questions. Television is still very much a relatively new phenomenon for them. Sometimes they have a hard time judging what is real and what is not real on the television. As a matter of fact I do too.

As I talked to them the other day I discovered that they were not fully aware of what had taken place. I explained to them, in the James Bay Cree language, that these two huge towers stood in one of the most famous cities in the world. They were amazed when I told them that these two buildings housed about 50,000 office workers on a regular basis and also had many more thousands who passed through as tourists to view the city from observation floors. They had remembered hearing about the construction of these massive buildings in the early 70s and were surprised when I told them that it had taken six years to construct these two skyscrapers which were 110 stories high.

The size of the planes that crashed into these buildings was also a shock to them. I explained that these huge jets hold over 200 people. I added that the destruction of the buildings was actually caused by the explosions of these jets which were full



of aviation fuel when they hit the towers.

It was more difficult for me to explain to my parents what terrorists are. I had to think about this for myself. I have to admit I am not sure what terrorists are or who they are. I assume they are people who commit violent acts against innocent people. The problem is that if I consider that as a basis to describe terrorists then I have to include thousands of groups and organizations that have caused similar tragedies throughout history.

I am not sure my parents understood my explanation of what terrorists are and what terrorism is. I suppose that if I had to be perfectly honest, I would say that First Nation people were terrorized by Europeans. So I guess these kinds of acts of violence have been happening throughout history. I feel badly that we, the human race, have not found a way to change the world in a way that would eliminate these violent acts.

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## Samson Cree want Chretien, Nault to testify

by Ennis Morris

Hobbema, Alberta's Samson Cree First Nation, whose lawyers have already called several former Native Affairs ministers to court as witnesses in their \$1.4 billion lawsuit against the federal government, say they want Prime Minister Jean Chretien and current Indian Affairs Minister, Robert Nault, on the witness stand next.

"We're interested with what they're going to say," remarked Samson lawyer James O'Reilly, outside Calgary's Federal Court when the case recently reopened following an extended summer.

Realizing that government defense lawyers could successfully challenge their attempt to have the two high profile government members answer questions in a courtroom, Reilly says he's ready to plea with the Supreme Court to hold a special session that will allow testimony to be heard in Ottawa.

Head government lawyer Alan McLeod, confirmed to Justice Max Teitelbaum that "we would likely get instructions to resist any attempt to call the Prime Minister or a current minister."

The Samson Cree Nation lawsuit accuses Ottawa of mismanaging band money and not properly investing money currently being held in trust for both them and the Ermineskin Nation, two of the four Cree bands who reside in Hobbema.

Citing more than 60 years of mismanagement of gas and oil royalty money siphoned away in government coffers and held in trust for the posterity of the Samson and Ermineskin Nations, plaintiffs are seeking \$1.38 billion in damages and full control over more than \$350

million now being held in trust by government.

The Crown disputes the allegations and says that they have generated a fair rate of interest on investments made on the Samson Cree Nation's behalf. High-risk investment, they contend, would have been irresponsible and contrary to a government mandate

that assures accountability with First Nations people and any money being managed on their behalf.

Reilly wants Jean Chretien on the stand because, in addition to having held key portfolios in Justice and Finance before becoming Prime Minister, he was also a former Indian Affairs Minister.



## Violence erupts over east coast fishing dispute

by John Copley

Guns shots thundered out against the quiet of Mirimichi Bay last week when nearly 200 commercial fishermen in five dozen boats, some huge fishing trawlers, destroyed about 100 Native lobster traps and then opened fire on the Native fishers trying to recover them.

"They go to church, they finish praying, and then they come and do this," said Burnt Church First Nation Band councillor Leo Bartibogue, disgusted by the non-Native actions he's witnessed over the past several weeks as old issues about the rights of where and when and how to fish surface for the third consecutive year.

Bartibogue said the commercial fishermen were armed with guns and liquor bottles.

"I was standing by my boat and there was fire," he says. "You could see bullets flying from the water where they hit. We saw them throwing bottles at us; they were all intoxicated."

Regional RCMP Inspector Kevin Vickers, who admitted that shots were fired, said the gunplay began after the smaller boats operated by Natives took to the water to confront those destroying their lobster traps.

"The situation out there with high speeds and large vessels is an exceptionally dangerous situation in which very easily there could be loss of life," Vickers commented after the Sunday attack.

A day after the violent attack about 20 fishing boats from Big Cove arrived in Mirimichi Bay to support and give aid to Native fishermen from the Burnt Church Nation.

"There's a war going on here right now," said Bartibogue, complaining that, "non-Natives are over there cutting our traps and the RCMP aren't doing anything. It's just total chaos."

Inspector Vickers, who described the non-Natives as originating from the communities of Baie-Saint-Anne and Neguac, said shots also came from the reserve. Two non-Natives have already been arrested and more charges could be forthcoming. An RCMP helicopter videotaped actions being carried out by non-Native fishermen.

As a result and in response to the dangerous situation being created, several emergency response teams were sent into the water.

Last year RCMP also investigated fishermen violations and "were successful in identifying the people responsible and charges were brought," Vickers said, assuring locals that everything that could be done to stop violence, would be done.

Federal fisheries officials have removed more than 160 lobster traps owned by local Native fishermen since the end of August. The federal government has issued a food fishery license for Burnt Church, allowing for an unlimited amount of traps to be set within a narrowly defined zone close to the reserve shoreline.

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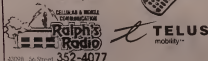
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# AFN to deliver work plan; gov't resumes consultations

Matthew Coon Come, National Chief of the Assembly First Nations, has announced that later this month he will deliver to Indian Affairs Minister Robert Nault an alternative plan to deal with First Nations governance. The plan, according to the chief, is a progressive alternative to the Minister's Governance Act process.

"The AFN has worked with regional representatives to craft a plan that is comprehensive, progressive and inclusive," said the National Chief. "Our plan calls for widespread discussion with First Nations citizens living on and off the reserve, grassroots and the leadership. Our plan deals with the minister's issues — things like accountability and elections — but is broader to reflect First Nations priorities like the pressing social and economic situation of many First Nations, the fundamental issues of nation rebuilding, treaty implementation and the inherent right to self-government."

"I want to present the plan to the minister in person and discuss next steps. Our meeting on August 1 was productive and constructive and shows that we can work together," stated the National Chief. Following that meeting, Minister Nault announced a 30-day moratorium on his consultations and agreed to examine an alternative plan to be developed by the AFN and First Nations.

According to the Assembly of First Nations, the Governance Act consultations were experiencing very low turnout. A review of reports on the Indian Affairs website shows that participation in many communities was averaging less than 3 percent, said the chief. Further, those that did participate wanted to talk about more fundamental issues and priorities.

"The subject matter in the current Governance Act process is very limited and narrow. Issues like the legal standing of bands' do not resonate with our people who face much more pressing concerns," said National Chief Coon Come. The AFN plan is based on working towards common objectives and reaching out to all First Nations citizens. This is the kind of plan that will engage our people. We want to address the concerns of First Nations, the concerns of the minister and the priorities of the Government of Canada as articulated in the throne speech and the prime minister's public statements. It is a plan that works for everyone and can produce real change."

Meanwhile the federal government restarted their governance consultations on September 1 after the expiration of the 30-day cooling off period between Ottawa and the AFN.

Indian Affairs Minister Robert Nault said that he had yet to see an AFN plan for reworking relations between Aboriginal people and Ottawa.

Minister Nault made his announcement while the AFN chief was in Durban South Africa, describing the living conditions of First Nations in Canada. The minister was very critical of Chief Coon Come for suggesting that the Canadian government practices systemic racism against Natives.

The Vice-Chief of the Assembly of First Nations for Quebec and Labrador, Ghislain Picard, who was Acting National Chief while the National Chief was in Durban, criticized the recent comments by Minister Nault.

"The minister certainly isn't promoting improved relations between the First Nations leadership and his department when he states that he will proceed with his consultation process irrespective of anything that we may be proposing to him to establish a process that would both meet the needs of First Nations as well as those that he is seeking to impose upon us," stated Vice-Chief Picard.

"The AFN and the minister agreed to a 30-day moratorium during which time they would work together to find a mutually-acceptable process and timetable that would meet the needs and expectations of all parties. By announcing the resumption of the consultation process before the National Chief and the minister meet to discuss the work plan, the minister is de facto stating that the plans to resume his consultations irrespective of any attempt at a joint approach," said Picard.

While visiting several communities in Ontario the minister is participating in a consultation session with the students of Pelican Falls High School on the Communities First, First Nations Governance initiative.

"This Governance initiative is talking about the important and needed changes to the way we do things. We need to hear from the young people. What do they think is important? How would they like to see their communities run," says Nault.

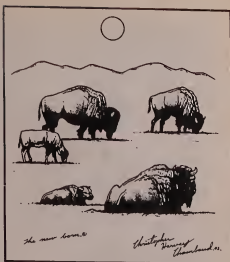
Communities First, First Nations Governance is a national plan to consult with First Nation people on changing and improving the Indian Act, federal law, first passed in 1876, that sets out certain federal government obligations and regulates the management of Indian reserve lands.

The consultation sessions are asking First Nations leaders and citizens for their thoughts on the basics of community governance. Subjects include how to improve band elections and how to clearly set out the authorities, roles and responsibilities of band governments so that First Nation citizens may have a fair say in community decisions that affect them.

"These kinds of changes are needed to run stable and effective governments now. Stable governments attract investment and create jobs which means healthier communities. What we're really talking about here is offering hope, hope for the future, hope for children."

As of August 31, a total of 112 consultation sessions and 113 information meetings with First Nations people were held across the country. Questionnaires were also mailed to First Nation households earlier this summer with another mail drop planned for later this fall in an attempt to reach people not able to participate in a consultation session.

According to a government press release, more than 3,200 First Nations people have participated to date with more continued sessions planned with First Nation partners from across the country including the Congress of Aboriginal People, various treaty organizations, chiefs, councils and individuals.



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## Rossdale Flats controversy continues to simmer

by Brian Savage

Justice Ronald Berger has ruled that an appeal launched by ConCerv, or Concerned Citizens for Edmonton's River Valley, will go ahead. Questions concerning the social and environmental impacts must now be answered as ConCerv will attempt to show in court that the Alberta Energy Utilities Board (AEUB) made a mistake in refusing to consider the project's impacts in all areas, including historical preservation. Questions still revolve around Epcor's refusal to disclose financial cost plans on electrical generation at sites other than Rossdale Flats, and what expansion plans the company, owned by the City of Edmonton, may be entertaining.

Controversy started to build with the discovery of bones, artifacts and remnants of the first forts in Edmonton around the Epcor power plant as the company prepared for expansion of its power generators.

In the meantime, Heritage Canada has announced a grant for a group from the Mountain Cree Camp Syllabics Institute. The institute had previously lost an injunction in their bid to stop Epcor's plans.

Buff Parry talked to *Alberta Native News* about his group's efforts and the historical importance of Rossdale Flats, in comparison to other Native sites such as Cree Burn Lake.

"The evidence is quite distinctively different," says Parry, about the two sites. "The comparison to Cree Burn Lake would be the prehistoric meeting place evidence but Rossdale Flats is much richer culturally and has much more contemporary historical use than Cree Burn; it's a building block of Canada."

Parry notes that while Cree Burn Lake is rich in ancient evidence, the "direct relevance" of Rossdale Flats is superior because of its connection to the fur trade. Parry says it's impossible to preserve Rossdale Flats because of the extensive development that has gone on there but that should not stop the recognition

of the area as an historic site. "I think it goes without question that it's one of the most valuable sites in the country in the building of Canada and should be seen as such."

For Parry, Rossdale Flats was the birthplace of the Cree/Syllabics language. "We've got the first letters written over in Cree/Syllabics and they were written from Rossdale Flats," observes Parry. As well, "the Metis population has a huge historical involvement there," adds Parry, "when you consider that half the people buried there are called Metis." Parry admits

Parry, "Epcor doesn't properly outright own the title to their land. It's still held in trust by the city and we've got a letter from the city lawyer stating that explicitly, and Epcor will not own that land until it's properly surveyed."

Another sore point for Parry is the archaeological group that Epcor has hired to oversee the dig. Calling them "revisionist" Parry condemns them for changing their viewpoint as new evidence comes forward, such as the discovery of sand and bones in the area and the assertion by the head of the archaeological company that the sand was merely backfill and the bones somehow displaced from another Edmonton cemetery, views that were in contention with other experts, such as Dr. Jack Ives of Alberta Community Development.

"It's appalling, it's unbelievable," says Parry about the actions of the archaeological group and their changing viewpoints. "I was as critical of Philip Couto, Duane Goodstriker and Calvin Desjarlais as I was of Epcor at the public hearings, but now, clearly seeing how much revision has happened and the company Epcor has hired appropriates everyone else's knowledge and discovery, it's pretty disheartening. There's something very wrong with the process when in the end, the final account is written by [the archaeological group] when they were forced kicking and screaming into the truth and now end up being the champions of it. I tend to be much more inside with the renegades."

Parry remains hopeful that any new hearing will have a Native presence to it but admits that the titleholders in and around Rossdale Flats, the community associations and ConCerv, will be the primary focus. "We want to see all of Rossdale Flats recognized for what it's been through prehistorically and historically. That's what our effort is, to see whatever's preservable preserved."

Though Parry admits that racism may have played a part in the way Rossdale Flats' past was forgotten, there is a much bigger point: the way that Edmonton turned its back on its own history, forgetting even the forts that were built by non-Natives. "It's a place developed without any sense of respect of its own history. Now it's an area for the city to develop Rossdale Flats, it has a fantastic tourism potential."

According to Parry it was the "Klondike mentality" and the lust for money at the dawn of the new century that saw the city turn its back on its past and look only to the future and develop coal mines there.

"Greed begets the opposite of what it's supposed to satisfy, a poverty of value and spirit and ultimately financially greed is not a healthy thing."

Parry is hopeful that by next winter a memorial of some sort will be in place.

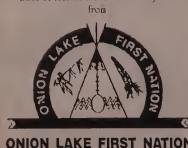


there is some controversy over the percentage of Metis buried at Rossdale but prefers to stay out of that controversy.

For Parry, there is the prospect of a grant to develop a kiosk or some marker at Rossdale. "We're pre-approved right now; I hope it's not just a cairn or a plaque, I hope it's much more than that." Parry says that all parties have agreed that Rossdale Road will be established, possibly some form of park along the west side of Epcor. "Epcor has now promised to pull back its fences to free up more land that is associated with the cemetery given that the south-side corner has been found."

One idea that Parry rejects is Epcor's wish that any Native monument be placed in their planned interpretive centre. "There's still so much in dispute," says

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# First Nations claim B.C. legislature grounds

by Ennis Morris

Two First Nations groups in B.C. have filed a lawsuit claiming ownership of the Victoria Legislature grounds and accusing the government of a breach of its duty to protect the interests of the First Nations.

On April 29 and 30, 1850, Governor James Douglas signed a series of six individual treaty agreements with First Nations groups representing the Lekwungen, also known as the Sanges, Tribes or Family Groups. The Lekwungen were then the inhabitants of what we today call Victoria, also known as B.C.'s capital city.

As a result of that agreement, or to be more accurate, as a result of the broken promises and unfulfilled commitments made by Douglas and his political descendants, the descendants of those early tribes are now in the process of seeking a just resolution via the Supreme Court of B.C. A recent announcement by the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations, formerly known as the Koscopom, Awengwhung, Chilowitch, Whymilth, Che-ko-nein and Tecchamitsa Tribes, states that their "Action in B.C. Supreme Court seeks a declaration of trust concerning the lands upon which the current Legislative Buildings sit."

Information obtained by *Western Native News* in a background issued by the Esquimalt First Nation band offices states that the "claim is based not on general Aboriginal title, but on breach of Treaty (1850 Douglas Treaties)."

Named as defendants in the upcoming action are both the federal and provincial governments, who will be represented simultaneously by their respective Departments of Attorney General.

"The province," reads the document, "is being sued primarily as the present occupant of the lands in question and Canada as the legal responsible party from the original treaty."

"The occupation of the lands," claim the plaintiffs, "first occurred under the British Crown as the Colony of Vancouver Island prior to Confederation, and prior to B.C. joining as a province. In 1871, under the Terms of Union, Canada took over the Colony's legal obligations, and took over lands reserved for Indian people."

Though the six treaties signed in 1850 differ somewhat in general overall content, one of the conditions of those treaties remains constant in all six, and reads:

"The condition of understanding of this sale is this, that our six village sites and enclosed fields are to be kept for our own use, for the use of our children and for those who may follow after us; and the land shall be properly surveyed hereafter. It is understood, however, that the land itself, with these small exceptions, becomes the entire property of the White people forever. It is also understood that we are at liberty to hunt over the unoccupied lands, and to carry our fisheries as formerly."

One of these sites, points out the background, "was the (ten acre) James Bay Reserve site, now the location of (the capital city's) Legislative Buildings."

The document goes on to say that "these treaties have been upheld in a number of previous court cases, and are the basis of any ownership claim by the Crown to the City of Victoria."

Proving that the reserve land did exist is no problem for the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. The existence of the lands, they claim, are confirmed by a letter of the Chief Surveyor for the Colony of Vancouver Island in 1854, Mr. Pemberton, who sent a map of it to Governor Douglas.

According to the plaintiffs, Governor Douglas wrote to his superiors in London, confirming the existence of this reserve under the treaty.

A transcript of Governor Douglas's letter reads: "I herewith transmit our letter from Mr. Pemberton with a tracing of an Indian Reserve, which has been accidentally omitted in Lot No. 24, Section XVIII, though reserved to them on the general sale of their lands..."

The Official Town Map for Victoria in 1855 shows the James Bay Indian Reserve, labelled "Indian Reserve (ten acres)". In addition, the map collection in the Hudson's Bay Company archives also has a map dated in 1855 which pinpoints the Indian reserve with a hand colouring label that reads, "Indian Reserve". The plaintiffs also intend to offer a photo of the relevant portion of that map with the current lot descriptions overlaid upon it.

By 1858, the Official Map for the Town of Victoria labeled the ten-acre James Bay Reserve as "Government Reserve", a term generally used to include schools, churches, and other government purposes including Indian reserves. In 1859, construction of government buildings on the site began to take place. The Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations say that "no surrender of the Reserve or any compensation arrangement with the existing Indian tribes was ever made."

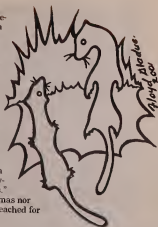
A variety of compelling facts, including documented conversations and recorded materials, are currently being gathered and readied for as yet undisclosed dates

in a B.C. Supreme Court.

Relief being sought in the plaintiffs Statement of Claim includes the following: a declaration that the Province of British Columbia is occupying the James Bay Reserve in circumstances amounting to trespass; ... a declaration that the plaintiffs are entitled, as against the Province, to the James Bay Reserve or to possession of it; ... damages for trespass and loss of use; ... as an alternative to an order for possession and damages for trespass, damages for the current value of the James Bay Reserve and for loss of use; and

... a declaration that the Province of British Columbia holds the James Bay Reserve for the plaintiffs pursuant to a constructive trust and compelling the province to convey the reserve to the plaintiffs."

Neither Esquimalt Chief Andrew Thomas nor Songhees Chief Gary Albany could be reached for further comment before press time.



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*Message from the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew  
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I am very pleased to have this opportunity to address the readers of the *Alberta Native News* in this issue featuring education.

As knowledge drives the new economy, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of education. Statistics have shown that the more education you have, the greater your chances are of finding and keeping meaningful employment. However, education does not end with the completion of your initial studies. We live in a world of accelerated social change and a rapidly expanding economy where lifelong learning is becoming a necessary part of our lives.

Canada's success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will depend on the skills of its workforce. The Government of Canada is committed to helping people acquire the tools to take advantage of career opportunities throughout Canada, as well as in the North. A skilled workforce

in the Aboriginal community will help make the economy stronger. To maintain that strength individuals must be able to adapt to the changing needs of the workplace.

Being prepared to successfully enter the labour market is a sound investment in your future. I know that each one of you can draw from your tremendous talents and upon the wealth and wisdom of our Aboriginal traditions to obtain as much education as possible.

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Ethel Blondin-Andrew

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## The bear facts

by Xavier Kataquapit

This morning I headed out with a friend on a long bicycle ride. Our goal was to complete 24 kilometres of riding on a back road. It was warm and it felt good to be moving under my own power with the wind in my hair.

At one point on our return home, as we rounded a curve and dipped into a downhill run we were shocked as a large black bear came out of the bush on one side of the road and then ran across our path and back into the forest. He looked as surprised to see us as we must have looked to see him. We screamed, turned our bikes around in a panic and headed back the way we came.

After riding frantically for about a kilometre we stopped to assess our situation. We had a dilemma. Should we continue on to the first phone we could find and call a friend to pick us up or should we bravely head back down the road home? After some thought we decided that it would be foolish to fear this bear that had probably been as frightened as we were and who was miles away from the road at this point. We opted to ride the next few kilometres yelling as loud as we could to make sure the bear knew we were coming. Thankfully, we didn't see any sign of our new friend and the ride back to town was uneventful.

Later, as I was driving down Highway 1 with some friends near Kirkland Lake we came upon three bear cubs that were desperately trying to cross the busy highway. We stopped for a while to watch these youngsters and at one point tried to manage the traffic to allow them to cross the road. It didn't work very well and after a while we gave up and headed back down the road. It seemed as though the mother bear was nowhere to be seen. I assumed that as a result of the local bear hunt, the mother must have been killed. It was painful to have to leave those little bear cubs on the side of the road knowing that their chances of surviving in the wild was almost impossible.

There have been a lot of bear sightings this year. Many people are blaming it on the fact that the spring bear hunt has been cancelled and perhaps that has something to do with it. However, I think the real cause has to do more with the fact that we are destroying much of the habitat where these wild animals once thrived. Through the destruction of wilderness due to lumbering and mining development, animals like these bears must move into other locations and look for other food sources. Regrettably this brings them into contact with humans and they are labelled as dangerous pests.

When I lived in my home community of Attawapiskat there were rarely any interactions with bears. There was very little development in the Attawapiskat area at the time which meant that wild animals like bears had a home base and food sources so they didn't have any need to venture into areas where people lived.

It seems to me that if we as a society actually destroy homes and food sources for other animals that share the good earth with us then perhaps it should be our responsibility to manage things a little better so that these creatures are not compromised in some way. Perhaps we should be providing alternate areas where there is no development.

Maybe we should be looking at more careful development so that we can preserve the land where it is used by other animals. Shooting more of them does not sound like the perfect solution to me. However, if that is to be considered as

an option it should only be done if the entire animal is harvested. We should outlaw the killing of a bear just for its head or its hide for display purposes. Maybe it should be made law that you can only kill an animal if you can prove that you will use all of it. That means the meat, the skin and the bones. This has been the way of my people forever and it is really the only way to rationalize the taking of another creature's life.

As I am heading off to bed tonight those bear cubs are on my mind. All I can do is say a little prayer for them and am grateful for the opportunity to tell you this story.



## Fishing Lake First Nation celebrates major settlement

Chief Allan Paquachan of Fishing Lake First Nation and Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, joined members of Fishing Lake First Nation last month to celebrate the settlement of their long-standing land claim. The settlement resolves an historical grievance that dates back to 1907, when reserve lands were allegedly surrendered by the First Nation.

"As First Nations people, we have always had a special relationship with the land - it's an integral part of our culture and identity," said Fishing Lake Chief Allan Paquachan. "We are very pleased that our nation can now begin the process of restoring its land base. By addressing this historic injustice, we can now look toward the future for generations to come."

The settlement, which was ratified by First Nation members in a vote earlier this year, provides Fishing Lake First Nation with a financial compensation package totalling \$34.5 million for the damages and losses it suffered as a result of the alleged 1907 surrender. Costs associated with researching and negotiating the claim were also covered by Canada.

"Today, we're celebrating the resolution of a long-standing grievance and an important turning point for Fishing Lake First Nation," said Minister Nault. "The settlement of this claim honours an outstanding lawful obligation to the First Nation and will create viable opportunities for investment, business partnerships and sustainable economic development on both First Nation lands and in surrounding communities. The successful outcome of these negotiations demonstrates that by working together through trust and open dialogue to settle past grievances, we can build a more promising future for First Nation people."

The First Nation may use the settlement proceeds to purchase land on a willing-seller/willing-buyer basis and request that up to 13,190 acres of land be set apart as reserve, subject to the settlement agreement and Canada's Additions-to-Reserves Policy.

Fishing Lake First Nation is located about 200 kilometres northeast of Regina and has approximately 1,232 registered members.

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Matt has been successfully providing liaison and corporate training to governments and the private sector across Canada since 1992. His dynamic facilitation style is acknowledged and accepted cross-culturally.



# UBCIC applauds Chief Coon Come's Durban address

by Chief Stewart Phillip

On August 30, 2001, National Chief Matthew Coon Come made a speech to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, which has caused much controversy and debate here in Canada. I have personally read the text of the National Chief's Durban speech and can attest that he has been widely misquoted, taken out of context, and then criticized almost uniformly by media and the federal government.

In Durban, National Chief Coon Come did not say that Canada was a "racist nation" as some media have reported. However, he did say that there is "evidence of discrimination and systemic racism." He also quoted the following warning from the 1996 *Final Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP)*:

Currently on the margins of Canadian society, Aboriginal peoples will be pushed to the edge of economic, cultural and political extinction.

I would encourage all readers to obtain a full copy of the text of the National Chiefs Durban speech for themselves and decide if it is "fair comment" or not, regarding Canada's treatment of Aboriginal peoples.

In my opinion, National Chief Coon Come was merely restating what numerous reports including the RCAP report, various United Nations bodies and Canada's own federal Human Rights Commission have already reported about Canada's historical treatment of Aboriginal peoples and their resulting contemporary social and economic conditions.

From the media commentary, it is obvious that many Canadians are uncomfortable with the international exposure Canada has received in the Durban Conference, but the domestic Aboriginal policies and practices employed by the Chretien government since 1993, have only served to worsen the social and economic situation of Aboriginal peoples in Canada and heightened tensions at the community level.

The Prime Minister has also jumped into the fray; in a recent media interview he added to the criticism of the National Chief by stating:

"For Matthew Coon Come to be there, dumping on Canada, that is not very useful. He says, 'we have reserves.' We offered them to abolish their reserves in 1968 and they said no."

As a First Nations Leader, I am not surprised by Jean Chretien's reaction to the National Chief's Durban remarks. Jean Chretien has always had a backwards view of First Nations, this is evidenced by his continued reference to his infamous 1969 White Paper on Indian Policy. Jean Chretien has never personally accepted the defeat of this policy and many of us believe he will try and impose the 1969 White Paper Policy once more in his drive to leave a "legacy".

In addition to the Prime Minister's reaction, his federal Minister of Indian

Affairs, Robert Nault, has issued the following veiled threat to the National Chief: "With this kind of language and talk, I believe Matthew Coon Come is going to set the agenda back for many years ... He is going to find it very difficult for people to do business with him if he's going to make those kinds of serious accusations, which we all take very seriously. People like myself ... are not just annoyed, we're just beside ourselves ... Quite frankly, I think Matthew Coon Come owes us an apology."

We feel that Minister Nault's demand for an apology from National Chief Coon Come is reprehensible and confirms to us that he is unfit to be the Minister of Indian Affairs. Robert Nault's comments will only serve to inflame the situation, as he proceeds to unilaterally amend the Indian Act this fall.

The reaction by the Prime Minister, his Minister of Indian Affairs, and the media, helps us put into context the volatile mood and misunderstanding that exists across the country between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples and institutions. This is not a healthy environment to introduce any First Nation legislation into.

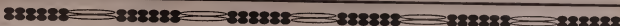
First Nations do not want to be marginalized on reserves but at the same time they do not want their reserves eliminated. First Nations do not want their rights to be relegated to postage-stamp reserves which are inadequate to sustain First Nation communities for future generations. First Nations want their rights over their original and/or treaty territories - which far exceed the size of present-day reserves - to be recognized. This does not mean excluding everyone else, but it does mean giving a larger and fairer share of the land to some of those lands to First Nations.

The point of the rejection of the 1969 White Paper and of the First Nations Governance initiative, has always been that First Nations want to be recognized as the nations they were when the Europeans first arrived here, and want a fair share of the lands and resources. First Nations want respect and recognition of Aboriginal Title and Rights which are enshrined in the Constitution. As well, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized Aboriginal Title as a source of entitlement in the 1997 *Deganiuk*'s decision. Unfortunately, the government refuses to meaningfully address these rights.

Canada is being judged by the international community on how it treats First Nations. If Canada is as open, transparent and democratic as it professes to be, it should welcome international scrutiny and be prepared to change its policies if they are seen to violate the human rights of First Nations.

In closing, we believe it is necessary to bring to bear international pressure and international monitoring of the treatment of Aboriginal peoples by the Government of Canada. National Chief Coon Come has helped raise awareness in the international community that all is not well in Canada. The Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs applaud his international efforts.

Chief Stewart Phillip is President of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs.



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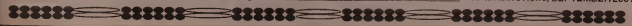
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## New school facilities open at Garden Hill First Nation

by David Isaacs

Garden Hill First Nation is celebrating the commencement of the 2001-2002 school year with the addition of a new elementary school on reserve.

The Kistiganwacheeng Elementary School recently constructed in the community coincides with the completion of the renovation and expansion of the Garden Hill High School.

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tary school, as well as the expanded high school, will ensure that our students have access to modern and progressive educational facilities. It is a happy time for both the youth and the community. I am filled with pride at this accomplishment by our people."

"The Garden Hill First Nation should be extremely proud of these excellent facilities," said Minister Nault. "The new facilities will give the local youth better access to a more positive and productive learning environment. A good educational foundation for First Nation children is the key to ensuring lifelong success."

The Kistiganwacheeng Elementary School can accommodate up to 825 students from Nursery to Grade Six. The facility includes four nursery/kindergarten classrooms, 26 regular classrooms, a multipurpose room, a library, a gymnasium, an art area, a resource area - including an Elders teaching area, a counselling and conference room, an administration area, a staff room, a health and dental room and storage space. The new school is located adjacent to the high school in the centre of the community.

Garden Hill High School, which can accommodate up to 578 students from Grades Seven to 12, was renovated and expanded to provide additional space in the following areas: teacher resource, industrial arts, home economics, administration, and storage capacity. The new space also includes a music room

is a remote community located on the north shore of Island Lake, approximately 610 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg. It has an on-reserve population of nearly 3,000 members.

and eight additional classrooms.

Design for both the new elementary school and the expanded high school began in September 1999. Construction commenced in March 2000 and was completed in July of this year. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provided funding in the amount of \$27.7 million to construct the new elementary school and to renovate and expand the existing high school.

Work related to these two projects created approximately 73,000 hours of local employment and training opportunities. A total of 54 full-time and 43 part-time jobs were created for community members during the construction phase. Local materials such as granular compound, equipment and fuel were also utilized during construction.

Garden Hill First Nation

## Two Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio  
and watched two sculptors there,  
The clay they used was a young child's mind,  
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher; the tools he used  
were books, music and art.  
One, a parent who worked with a guiding hand  
and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled  
with touch that was deft and sure,  
while the parent laboured at her side  
and polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done,  
they were proud of what they had wrought;  
for the things they had moulded into the child  
could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed he would have failed  
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Regional Health Authority elections will be held in conjunction with the municipal elections in Alberta on October 15, 2001.



# People in the News

## Genaille re-elected to Metis National Council of Women

by Leona Wall

Sheila D. Genaille, was re-elected as President of the Metis National Council of Women, for an unprecedented fourth term at the Annual General Assembly in Montreal.

Ms. Genaille has advanced social, political and economic issues of Metis women. She stated, "Metis women and their children must have the same opportunities as other Canadians - too long they have been treated as third class citizens. As Aboriginal women we face gender and racial discrimination and our issues are marginalized."

Mrs. Rose Fleury, a Saskatchewan Elder who has advocated on behalf of Metis said, "Sheila Genaille's election is not only a good omen for Metis women and grass roots communities, her leadership and vision will enhance the credibility of Metis women at the national level and I look forward to working with her on issues affecting all Metis."

The Metis National Council of Women is a federation of independent provincial

Metis women's organizations that addresses concerns of Metis women and their families. The objectives of the organization include fostering the image of Metis women, influencing and developing policies that impact upon Metis women, promoting and ensuring gender equality, and preserving and enhancing Metis culture and traditions.

Ms. Genaille will continue to represent the cultural, legal, political, social and economic issues of Metis women and their families. Ms. Genaille promised to continue to advocate for full recognition of the Metis National Council of Women, Inc., and its jurisdictions within the Canadian federal system. In order to achieve these goals she promised to "...maintain the independence and integrity of the Metis National Council of Women within the Canadian federation and resist any violation of Metis women's rights."

For more information about the Metis National Council of Women, Inc. call toll free 1-888-867-2635 or e-mail [info@metiswomen.ca](mailto:info@metiswomen.ca).

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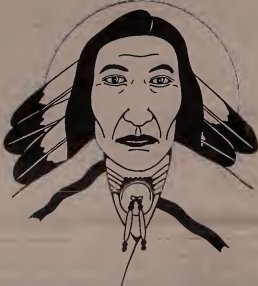
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## ICC welcomes appointment of Chief Commissioner

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Mr. Bellegarde and Mr. Prentice have resigned as co-chairs of the commission but will continue to serve as commissioners.

"We were originally appointed co-chairs on a temporary basis until a chief commissioner was named," Mr. Bellegarde pointed out. "Along with our colleagues, we have been calling for such an appointment for some time."

Mr. Prentice has announced that he will stay on as a commissioner to assist Mr. Fontaine during the transition period. He had declared his intention to step down last fall. "This is an excellent appointment that will greatly advance the work of the commission," he said.

The Indian Claims Commission was established in 1991 to examine, at the request of a First Nation, specific claims rejected by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. It is a neutral body that is independent of both the federal government and First Nations.

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# Saik-uz win court injunction to stop logging trucks

by John Copley

When the Saik-uz First Nation launched legal action against the B.C. Ministry of Forests earlier this year, both the province and the federal government scratched their name off a scheduled forestry measures negotiation session to resolve forest practice policy. Though Ottawa was named in the action, it backed out of the meeting said federal Chief Negotiator Bill McGill, because of similar policies with the province and because Ottawa chose to respect the wishes of the province. B. C.'s negotiator, Nancy Wilkin, told media that the province does not negotiate with parties they are in litigation with. The Saik-uz legal action, which is seeking an injunction to quash a new timber license that will see more than one million cubic meters of timber out from their traditional lands, is still before the court.

In the meantime, the Saik-uz Nation, one of the

eight First Nations who make up the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, filed separate legal action in an attempt to end what they call "more than 50 years of dust, dirt, danger and excessive noise," the result of "countless" trips made through the middle of their community by logging trucks that for "too long have assumed they have the right of way."

These words come from Gerry Nittel, the Operations Manager for the Saik-uz First Nation.

"People in the community are still having a difficult time to believe their ears - and their now dust-free throats," chuckled Nittel, in a recent interview with *Alberta Native News*. "This practice of driving logging trucks through our community has been going on for more than five decades, but in the last couple of years the situation has really got out of control. The traffic has built up a lot in recent years and the community's population is growing. These trucks travel at high speeds and community residents are fearful, especially now that the children are returning to school."

In fact, the recent court victory came just in time. The Saik-uz, also known as the Stoney Creek people, won their court injunction on Friday, August 31, 2001. The injunction, which is good for one year, prevents logging trucks from traversing Saik-uz territory and forces them to take a route that Vanderhoof-based, J. L. Kochel Contracting Ltd., fleet manager Troy Germer, says creates an additional hour of travel between the pick-up sites and Highway 16.

"An extra hour won't kill them," remarked Nittel. "Saik-uz Nation members are no longer willing to risk the lives of their children to the big wheels of the logging trucks and other heavy vehicles that race endlessly through the village roads in front of their homes."

Court action seeking an injunction against the logging trucks came as a bit of a surprise to both Nittel and Saik-uz Nation leaders, neither of whom expected the court injunction to be granted as quickly as it was.

"On July 24 the band members set up a roadblock to prevent logging trucks from entering the community. The demonstration was peaceful and we had excellent cooperation from the local RCMP detachment," explained Nittel. "Of course, local traffic, including farm vehicles, were not hindered by this action. We were very surprised when after two days, no one had taken steps to prevent us from continuing the roadblock." It was at this time that band officials decided to take legal action. "Our injunction was not challenged," said Nittel. "We believe the reason for this is because our plight is not unfamiliar, everyone knows the situation we're in and every-

one knows we've been trying to end it for a long time. Even non-Native residents in the area have filed petitions seeking an end to the noise and pollution and everyone is concerned about safety. These trucks have been an ongoing problem for years. The biggest problem during the past several years has been the excessive speeds that some of these truck drivers insist on using. Our 50 kilometre zones are regularly violated by logging truck drivers travelling in excess of 85 and at this speed there is just no way the vehicle could stop if an emergency situation arose."

The Saik-uz First Nation has approximately 600 members; the local non-Native community numbers about the same.

The injunction, which specifically targets vehicles whose weight is in excess of 16,000 pounds, applies to all industrial traffic using the Kenney Dam Road. Maintenance and emergency vehicles and those used by local farmers and ranchers are excluded.



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# Karen Leibovici: candidate for Edmonton Ward I

by John Copley

Former Edmonton Meadowlark MLA, Karen has made it official - she's entering the Capital City's October 15 General Municipal Election, where she hopes to win a seat on Edmonton's City Council. Leibovici, unlike most of the other candidates who've announced their intention to seek the confidence of Ward 1 voters next month, is no stranger to the political arena. And that could give her a big edge in the upcoming election. "Edmonton is doing well economically and I know that our citizens want to keep the momentum moving," said Karen Leibovici "and that will be one of my priorities if I'm elected next month."

Leibovici says "if Edmonton is to stay on top, it needs leaders with strong vision, with determination and dedication - but most of all it needs leaders who can work together to plan for the future as well as resolve current issues." And Karen Leibovici knows how to make things happen; she has always been an achiever.

Leibovici's post secondary education came from McGill University, where she earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work and her Post-Graduate Diploma in Management. Her lengthy repertoire of political and business experiences includes those she gained as a Labour Relations Officer and Equal Opportunity Officer with the City of Edmonton.

As an MLA, Leibovici held many portfolios such as Opposition Health Critic, Labour Critic and Caucus Whip. An accomplished public speaker, she will not be forgotten by those who heard her impassioned speech before the Legislature last November when she spoke out in favour of the plan to introduce a special Holocaust Memorial Day Act, later renamed the Genocide Act.

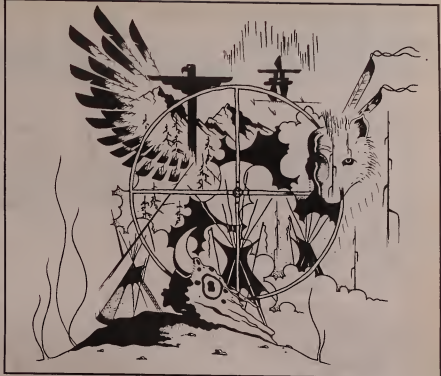
And her experience with people, politics and planning doesn't stop there. She helped develop the Human Resources Policy when Ed Tel became Telus, chaired the Edmonton Taxi Cab Commission and was

a founding member of the West Edmonton Transportation Advisory Committee. She has been a Block Parent Coordinator and an active member of her Community Leagues.

Karen Leibovici has always been community minded, whether in office or not. She's been active and she's been successful. More important, she's gained the trust and the respect of everyone she's come into contact with.

"As a parent and member of Ward 1 for over 20 years, I have seen first hand the challenges facing our communities, businesses, and families," said Leibovici. "It's crucial that we both protect and enhance our quality of life in Edmonton. I have always put the priorities of my constituents first and will continue to do so as your councillor."

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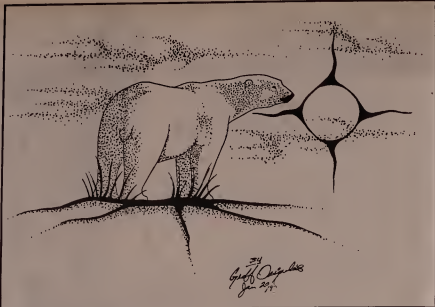
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# Saysi Dene claim to be investigated

by Arne Peltz

This fall, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will receive a report on the Saysi Dene First Nation of Northern Manitoba. This report will be based on the findings of a three-week probe into the forced relocation of the Saysi Dene from their traditional homelands to British conditions that were the "Dene Village" and "Camp Ten".

A seven member, United Nations sanctioned team comprised of The Society for Threatened Peoples (German Branch) and The International Committee for Indians of the Americas (Incomindios Switzer-



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land), arrived in Tadoule Lake on September 9 to begin their three week investigation into Canada's treatment of the Saysi Dene First Nation. These two delegations will be reviewing relevant documents, as well as interviewing community members on their forced relocation.

"The horrendous experience we endured in Churchill all but destroyed my people," said Chief Ila Bussidor. "It is our hope that through the efforts of these notable visitors, the international community will bring pressure to bear on Canada to restore the dignity and pride their ill conceived policy stripped from us, as a result of the move to Churchill."

In 1956, the Saysi Dene of Little Duck Lake were forcibly uprooted from their traditional hunting, fishing and trapping homelands by the government of Canada to the community of Churchill. For the next 17 years, the massive and sudden change in their way of life resulted in the death of fully one third of the Saysi Dene people. All ages, from the very young to the elderly died amidst the social decay and violence in the slums of "Dene Village" and "Camp Ten".

"The international community is a source a great hope for my people," stated Chief Bussidor. "We call upon their sense of justice and fairness that Canada acknowledges this travesty of human rights, that reparation and restitution be the hallmarks of Canadian justice with regards to the Saysi Dene, that along with its apology to the Saysi Dene, Canada

cease such treatment of Indigenous peoples as tragically inconsistent with its image as an international champion of human rights."

The Saysi Dene filed a claim relative to the relocation in July, 1997. The claim has been under review ever since. Canada has not indicated whether the claim will be accepted for negotiation.

The International Committee for Indians of the Americas (Incomindios) is a human rights organization with the declared goals of assisting the Indigenous people of North, Central and South America morally and materially in their struggle for political, economic and cultural sovereignty.

Founded in 1974 by Native Americans and Swiss citizens, it has spawned the development of many such organizations in Europe, and continues to act as a mouthpiece for the cause of Indigenous people, and acts on their behalf only upon consultation with their Indigenous partners.

The Society for Threatened Peoples is a human rights organization which promotes the human rights of religious and ethnic minorities and Indigenous peoples.

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# Back to School

## Excel Academy graduates are ready for work

by John Copley

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One of the most recent additions to the Excel Society's extensive program list is Excel Academy, located on the second floor of 10814-106 Avenue in Edmonton.

"This 'people first' program concept was developed in response to the growing need for qualified and competent staff to work in the area of providing support to persons with disabilities," Society spokespersons said in a faxed response to *Alberta Native News*, inquiring about the learning opportunities for Native people interested in support worker programs. "Our 17-week Community Support Worker (CSW) Training Program provides certification in all areas related to working with persons with physical and mental disabilities. There are many opportunities available for persons with education and knowledge about community support work, and this would be an ideal time for First Nations and Metis individuals interested in this important field to contact us regarding participation." Canada's Aboriginal community doesn't have enough community support workers, something that many of country's Indigenous leaders say is helping to hinder the Aboriginal healing process. Native support workers are in demand in almost every province and territory, and are the preferred candidate with organizations, agencies and health centres whose primary clients or patients are of Native ancestry.

The CSW training program available through Excel Academy is unique in that students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience by participating in three community placements. The in-depth training program gets its students ready for work in the field of community support and "immediate employment after graduation," says Excel, "is to be expected."

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Community support workers are traditionally the people who supply frontline care and support to persons with disabilities in both residential and day program settings. But today there are a number of health care centres with specifically

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# Tanno t'en Institute trains local workforce

by John Copley

When Chief Barry Seymour won the support of the 300 members of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation this past March 9, he won his third straight election. That means he's now spent the past six and a half years as the chief of this small First Nation community, located about 18 kilometres northeast of Prince George. But small in numbers doesn't translate to small in dreams or small in entrepreneurial know-how. Chief Seymour has won the votes of his nation's membership because he includes them and because he knows how to get the job done right.

Just last fall Chief Seymour and his council were thinking about opening the Tanno t'en Education Institute so that his band members could learn from one another, train others and provide some jobs for the community. By February this year, the chief had signed a deal with Prince George-based Macrolink Administration Ltd., a privately owned corporation registered in B.C. as both a company and



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"In order for us to effectively participate in the mainstream economy we must have a well trained, efficient workforce that delivers every time," Chief Seymour told *Alberta Native News*. "As we work toward self-reliance, it becomes increasingly more important to place First Nations trainers in control of our training. Training is a priority for our people. We feel there is no better time than the present to take firm control in the development of our future. Our intention is to integrate the system so that it is available to the whole community, and to other nearby communities that make up the entirety of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation. Our primary task, however, will be to utilize the system and the training tools it offers to enhance our forestry training program. Much of the curriculum is forestry related, something that will help benefit our whole community in the long run."

The Tanno t'en Education Institute, which opened on schedule in May this year, is already meeting its initial goals and Executive Director Anne Banford is getting ready to exceed them. On July 6 the Institute, registered in B.C. under the non-profit societies act, graduated its first class of forest workers. Fourteen youth have successfully completed Tanno t'en's 30-day Forest Worker Training Program and all had secured employment by month's end.

"Following on the success of our initial silviculture training, Tanno t'en plans to hold a Silviculture Contractor Course this winter," said Executive Director Anne Banford, during a recent interview with *Alberta Native News*. "The course, which is designed for individuals who have extensive silviculture experience and are ready to move on to Contract Management, will be available to Lheidli T'enneh members and to other First Nations graduates interested in participating."

Tanno t'en also hopes to offer a "Bark Beetle Probing" course which would lead to qualification for MoF and Licensee bark beetle probing contracts. "This initiative is still in the development stage," explained Banford, "but should be ready when silviculture contract work is completed this year."

Tanno t'en Education Institute is young, but it is vibrant and it is growing in a positive direction. "We recently obtained the YouBETI (Youth Business and Entrepreneurship Training) contract for the Cariboo region," Banford said of the opportunity that recently came via the Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise (formerly Small Business, Tourism and Culture). "The program will deliver workshops for youth (15 - 29) who are interested in starting their own businesses and developing their own business plan." This particular program is designed for all youth and is not limited to First Nations members.

"An added benefit," explained Banford, "is that Teresa George, the contact for YouBETI, is located in the new Tanno t'en premises on the Old Cariboo Highway in Prince George."

"One day introductory workshops will be held in October and November in 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Quesnel, McBride, Vanderhoof and Prince George," Banford continued. "There will then be two 12-day training workshops held over the winter months (in Prince George and Williams Lake) for those who want to develop their full business plan." As a new organization, Tanno t'en Education is in the process of building a network of First Nations trainers.

"Our goal is to provide local training by local trainers," reiterated Banford. "As part of our purchase from Macrolink, they will be providing a five day 'Training for Trainers' course in mid-October. The course is designed for individuals interested in contract training, particularly in the areas of Forestry/Silviculture and Business Planning and Entrepreneurship."

For more information on workshop dates, or for anyone with skills in the areas mentioned above who is interested in a five day program to learn or enhance skills as a trainer (at no cost to participants) contact Anne Banford by calling (250) 961-6820 or 1-877-963-8451. Email inquiries can be sent to: [abanford@mag-net.com](mailto:abanford@mag-net.com).



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# Youth shine at Dreamcatcher Conference in Edmonton

by Chris Rechner

These are troubled times for young people. With so many negative voices it can be difficult to walk the right path. The Dreamcatcher Aboriginal Youth Conference, to be held Oct. 12-14, 2001 at Edmonton's Grant MacEwan College, is about encouraging youth to take responsibility. Building success in this world begins with taking responsibility for our families, our communities, our friends, and most importantly, taking responsibility for ourselves.

Now in its ninth year, Dreamcatcher has helped thousands of teenagers from across Canada to connect with old friends or make new ones. Designed for Aboriginal youth 13 to 17 and their adult chaperones, the conference strives to promote positive lifestyle choices for an ever-changing world. Dreamcatcher 2001 will continue to highlight the words and ideas of Elders and Aboriginal role models. Through educa-

tional workshops, traditional dancing and singing, sports and crafts, theatre and social activities Dreamcatcher will continue to guide young people towards responsibility.

"The Dreamcatcher conference really draws young people together and shows them that life is full of opportunities," says Theresa Schneider of the Dreamcatcher organizing committee. "With close to 1800 teenagers and adults together in the building, there's a real sense of belonging. Exploring Aboriginal culture is just one piece of the puzzle - part of what happens is letting our young people know what kind of options are out there, whether it's a career in law enforcement or child care, or just knowing who to ask for help, we want to make sure that nobody faces these issues alone."

Above all else, the Dreamcatcher Youth Conference is about having fun in a safe, supportive environment, free from drugs & alcohol. With a MuchMusic video dance, a talent show, and workshops on everything from building a website to teen parenting to birch bark biting, Dreamcatcher has something for everyone. As one conference participant puts it, "for me it's about being with students on a different level, seeing them laugh and enjoy themselves, being proud to be Indian."

For more information or to register for Dreamcatcher 2001, call (780) 497-5188 or toll free at 1-888-497-9390.

Visit the web at <http://dreamcatcher.gmcc.ab.ca>.



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## Ten youth take off on South Pacific adventure

by Jesse Sutherland

September 15, 2001 marks the beginning of a six-month South Pacific odyssey for 10 young Aboriginal Canadians. Through the internship program, these youth will immerse themselves in the work and daily life of Indigenous communities in the Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and New Zealand. Their work placements will offer them a range of experiences in everything from Indigenous tourism to coastal resource management, and from community popular theatre to traditional medicine.

Victoria-based Pacific Peoples' Partnership has teamed up with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to offer this international program, now in its third year.

Interns come from Aboriginal organizations across the country and each brings unique skills. Brennan Gohn (Cowichan, B.C.) and Tricia Collinson (Haida, B.C.) will be stationed in the Cook Islands. Dana Reid (Mamgis, B.C.) and Kathleen Graham (Dene, NWT), along with Sheldon Wutunee (Red Pheasant, Saskatchewan) and Angie Shuter (Nisakapamux Nation, B.C.) will all be working with Maori peoples in New Zealand.

Shuter will be focusing on intellectual property policy and law reform. "While Canada has taken some important steps in developing policy pertaining to First Nations intellectual property and traditional knowledge, we have much to learn from the international community. I think that we can learn from the experience of the Maori people and from their very advanced work in this field," Shuter said.

Cameron Patterson (Metis, Alberta), Kyle Halsey (Iroquois, B.C.) and Murphy Patrick (Carrier, B.C.), will be based in Vanuatu. And Michele Thomas (Seneca, Ontario) will pursue her interest in traditional medicine both on Vancouver Island and in Fiji.

Pacific Peoples Partnership, founded in 1975, is a social justice organization that supports Pacific Islanders in their efforts to protect and promote their environment livelihoods and community development.

We encourage all Native students in their pursuit of knowledge and a quality education. Best wishes in the new school year.  
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## MedicAlert protects children at risk in the classroom

by Janice Johnson

As children get ready to head to school – many for the first time – a national survey reveals most Canadians believe children with medical conditions or severe allergies should be identified in the classroom.

The majority surveyed – 84 percent – say schools should have a policy requiring children with known conditions to wear medical identification in the classroom. This national survey of more than 6,000 households was conducted this summer in consultation with Canadian MediaAlert Foundation. Other highlights include:

- 82 percent believe safety risks at school could be reduced if children with allergies and medical conditions wore a bracelet to alert others in case of an emergency.

- 73 percent of households with school-age children say it is the parents' responsibility to identify their children who have conditions, not teachers, schools or school boards.

"These survey results show the need for a team approach to protect children at risk in the classroom," states Canadian MedicAlert Foundation President Shelagh Tippet-Fagyas. "School boards increasingly are recognizing that policies must go beyond simply addressing peanut and other severe allergies. Parents, schools and school boards need to work together to identify and protect all kids with medical conditions."

There is no city-wide policy in place in Edmonton that specifically addresses all serious medical conditions in the classroom. The Public School Board leaves the matter up to the discretion of individual schools, while Edmonton Catholic Schools has an Administrative Regulation for Life-Threatening Medical Conditions in place.

At least five percent of Canadian children and teens have a serious medical condition that should be identified in the case of an emergency. On average, this is about one child in every Canadian classroom. There are nearly 600,000 Alberta school children. Of that number, an estimated 38,000 have a serious allergy or medical condition. Over 8,000 Albertans ages 19 and under are lifetime MedicAlert members.

Asthma and allergies are the most common conditions, but Canadian children will also head to school this fall with diabetes, kidney disease, haemophilia and

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epilepsy. Experts believe children with hearing impairments and developmental challenges also need the protection of medical identification.

An Alberta mother and regional coordinator for the Allergy, Asthma Information Association notes, "MediAlert bracelets are absolutely a key for anyone with allergies, especially children." Lily Byrtus adds, "Two of my three children have severe allergies so I know how critical the MediAlert bracelet is. All children with severe allergies or other medical conditions should be wearing MediAlert to school."

Status First Nation people are entitled to a free MediAlert membership under the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program of Health Canada. Enrollment information and forms are available from doctors, pharmacies, or hand health nurses or by contacting MediAlert directly at 1-800-668-1507 or [www.medicalert.ca](http://www.medicalert.ca). The original enrolment form must be sent to the Regional Medical Services Branch for processing. In Alberta, a prescription must accompany the enrolment form to be processed. MediAlert bracelets and necklets cannot be purchased in retail outlets.

Canadian MedicAlert Foundation is the country's largest member-based charity and leading emergency medical information service. MedicAlert protects more than one million Canadians including almost 100,000 children and teenagers.

This national survey, commissioned by MedicaAlert, was conducted by Karom Group of Companies (Toronto) health care research division. Using Karom's national household mail panel comprised of a cross-section of Canadians, the survey was mailed to 9,413 households. The return rate of 66 percent provided a sample of 6,193 for the study. Field work was undertaken July 6 - August 13, 2001.

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# No time for school? Red River College Distance Education may be the answer for you

by John Copley

If you want to return to school to expand your education but are having trouble managing the time you need to do it, there's still a way if you have the will, the desire and the determination to succeed. Are you a shift worker? Will baby-sitting fees eat up too much money? Do you live too far away from a qualified educational institute? Do you just prefer to study on your own? Is there another reason you can't attend classes regularly? Have you ever wondered about the Distance Education format? Distance Education is not a new concept in Canada, but until a decade ago it was relatively obscure. That is no longer the case, however, as more and more students opt out of daily classes in favour of studying and learning at home.

When Winnipeg-based Red River College (RRC) began its Distance Education program in 1978, the only two courses offered were related to accounting and psychology. Today RRC offers more than 150 courses, including nine full college programs and significant segments of many others. Last year the popular Distance Education program offered through the college had more than 2,200 registrations. But there's room for more, and the college is encouraging you, our readers, to contact them for information about the diverse array of programs available via long distance communication.

"First Nation and Metis communities are very welcome to contact us if they have students who would be interested in finishing or upgrading their education," invited RRC Distance Education Director, Ronald Knudsen, in a recent interview with *Alberta Native News*. "We do have several Aboriginal communities, including one at Norway House and one at Hay River in the Northwest Territories, who use our programs extensively. We always welcome more inquiries because we have something of interest to everyone."

Red River College Distance Education courses can be delivered in one of several different ways, the nice thing being that it doesn't matter where you live, you can still participate. Students are able to access the Distance Education programs via teleconferencing sessions, telephone tutoring, videotape, CD-ROM, e-mail and the WorldWide Web and via the Computer Discussion Board (CDB).

"Our courses are not limited to students who live in remote or rural areas, however," explained Knudsen. "In fact, about 75 percent of our students live right in the City of Winnipeg and that number continues to grow."

Students can register for the courses in six different ways, including a personal visit to the college and by e-mailing, calling or faxing the Distance Education office.

"Courses are available on either an open enrolment or on a term basis," added Knudsen. "Most open enrolment courses can be started any time. The courses that fall within this category must be completed in a specified period, which may range from one month to one year in duration. Of course, it is possible to complete these programs sooner. "Many of our courses are available on a 'term' basis as well," explained Knudsen. "These courses involve teleconferencing and/or telephone tutoring. Term courses have scheduled start and end dates and some are offered on a cyclical basis, such as once a year."

Term courses are offered in Fall, Winter, and Spring, starting a few weeks later than those offered through Continuing Education. If you missed your chance with Continuing Education, suggests Knudsen, try Distance Education.

One of the most popular programs among the Aboriginal students participating in Red River College's Distance Education is Early Childhood Education.

"It's the most popular course by far," said Knudsen. "Students completing the program will acquire the essential skills and knowledge that will enable them to work in the field of early childhood education." Through teleconferencing, telephone tutorials and correspondence materials, the Early Childhood Education diploma program can be completed in one year.

"And the good news," exclaimed Ron Knudsen, "is that commencing in January 2002, we will offer the second year of the Early Childhood Education Program to students who have completed their one-year diploma program."

The college is encouraging people interested in taking this course to enrol as soon as possible. Call Cynthia for details at 204-344-4300. Last September the Early Childhood Education program was revised and brought up-to-date with the implementation of new research and data. "Red River College is expanding by leaps and bounds," said Knudsen. "Enrolments are up, new campus sites have opened, construction is underway on our new downtown Winnipeg campus, and new programs are being added to meet the demand. Distance Education, the invisible campus that delivers its courses to the student, is no exception. Distance Education course registrations are up a phenomenal 25 percent over last year." An all new Registered Nurse Refresher program, MARN approved, is one of the new courses offered this year and it's only available through the Distance Education format. On-line computer programming courses have also been added.

"This is an exciting opportunity for computer buffs to earn an Information Systems Programmer/Analyst certificate, again via the Distance Education

project," assured Knudsen.

In addition to the totally revised Early Childhood Education program, first and second year courses available, Distance Education is also offering a new Emergency Nursing Certificate program and a Human Resource Management Certificate program.

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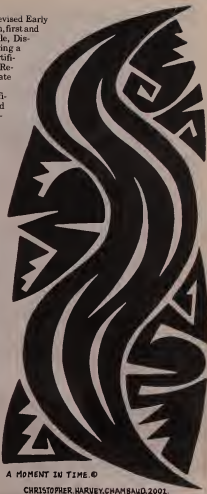
The Distance Education department of Red River College is located in the centre of the main campus on the mail level of Building C, directly across from the library. The college also has four satellite campuses, one each in the towns of Southport, Gimli, Winkler and Steinbach. More information about the courses available through Red River College's Distance Education program can be obtained by calling (204) 632-2451 or by faxing (204) 633-7748. Long distance callers can dial 1-800-616-1113. E-mail should be directed to distance@rrc.mb.ca

"I'd like to suggest that people interested in learning more about our programs check out our website," said Director Knudsen, in closing. "There is a great deal of valuable information on the site and it is both easy to understand, and easy to access. The only requirement is access to a computer that is hooked up to the internet."

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- The risk of dying in a home fire is many times higher in rural First Nation communities compared to the urban communities throughout Alberta.
- The average property loss from a home fire is three times higher in rural First Nation communities than in urban communities.
- Only 30 percent of the homes on many First Nation communities which experienced a fire had a smoke alarm or detector in them, compared to 60



areas involved, imperfect road conditions during the winter months and the wet seasons, and the lack of fire hydrants. Home owners need to keep this in mind when considering fire and injury prevention in their homes.

Before we can take steps to prevent fires in our homes and communities, we need first to understand that many home fires and injuries are not accidents, and that they can be predicted and prevented. Too often we assume the "victim" role which prevents us from taking the necessary preventive action required.

A very significant fire safety step is the installation of smoke alarms/detectors in your home if you don't already have some. At least one smoke alarm/detector should be installed on each level where there are sleeping accommodations. Always install them according to the manufacturers instructions. Remember that this is a minimum requirement. For added safety, smoke alarms/detectors can be installed in sleeping rooms and in other areas of the home as well. Once installed, smoke alarms/detectors must be tested at least monthly and batteries replaced once a year (if so equipped). Many First Nation homes that have had a fire, lacked smoke alarms/detectors that were in working condition. This high risk neglect needs to be looked at in order to improve our chances of preventing fire injuries or deaths and losses within our communities.

The most common cause of fires are cooking, home heating, smoking, arson, electrical, children playing with matches or lighters, candles, clothes dryer fires and exposures from fires on nearby properties, i.e. grass or brush fires. There are many other causes such as forgetting to turn off the iron, a light bulb placed too close to clothes or towels... etc. These causes are no different in the north or in the south.

The things that could be done in our homes and in our communities can sometimes be overwhelming, so please contact your own local fire department, or your local fire safety officer within your tribal council. These people are an excellent source of information and will be happy to assist you.

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percent of the homes in urban communities.

• Rural First Nation fire departments take a longer time to respond to a fire emergency. This is a fact that applies to any rural fire department anywhere in Alberta.

Clearly, if you live in any rural community, you are at a higher risk of dying and losing more property from fire than the residents of an urban community.

You may wonder how the fire risks can be reduced in your First Nation home and community. Most First Nation communities don't have the luxury of a fully-paid, well-equipped fire department serving them 24 hours a day. Seventy percent of First Nation communities are served by their own volunteer fire departments. Although this is an excellent service, the time taken to respond to a fire emergency can sometimes be lengthy. Intervention delays are due to the large

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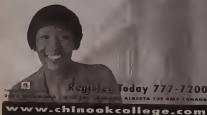
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## Education equality hearings cancelled

by John Copley

When the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples finished its five year, \$60 million mandate (1995) and released its final report, *Gathering Strength*, (1996) a lengthy list of findings and recommendations came with it. The bottom line: important changes are needed. All levels of government need to become involved in effective and positive initiatives that over time will improve the overall quality of life for Native Canadians. That was five years ago. Since then, not much has been done with the report or its findings and recommendations. The information filled ten volumes which now sit on a shelf gathering dust, awaiting an implementation date that will never arrive.

In February this year the B.C. government announced plans to take a hard look at education for Aboriginal citizens in the province, the idea being to improve on statistics from the province's Ministry of Education that said "only 38 percent of Aboriginal students graduate from Grade 12, compared with 77 percent of non-Aboriginal students. Graduation rates vary throughout school districts and in 1999 were as low as 12 percent for Aboriginal students in some areas."

The B.C. Human Rights Commission got the mandate and the go-ahead to begin preparations to hold a series of hearings into equality in education for Aboriginal citizens and in June released a 32 page discussion paper entitled, *Pathways to Equality Hearings on Access to Public Education for Aboriginal People*.

The province-wide hearings were designed to take a better look into what Aboriginal people in the province believe is a crisis, the difficulties and the barriers that Aboriginal children and youth face when trying to attain an education equal to other citizens in B.C. Much of the material in the *Pathways to Equality* format came about as a result of the hundreds of recommendations put forth in the *Gathering Strength* document.

But those hearings have now been called off and the B.C. Human Rights Commission appears to have yielded the right of way to Premier Glen Campbell's

new regime. A month ago, on August 10, the commission announced that it would "temporarily suspend the Aboriginal Education Hearings."

The Human Rights Commission said that when the B.C. government announced that it would conduct a review of the province's administrative justice agencies in late July "the Attorney General stated that the commission should continue with only the essential aspects of our mandate during the review."

That cease-and-desist order, said the Human Rights Commission's Acting Chief Commissioner Harinder Mahil, caused the commission to "decide to suspend a number of projects including the Aboriginal Education Hearings." However, he added, "the commission's commitment to achieving education equity for Aboriginal children remains. It is our intention to revisit the issue once the review is completed and the commission is able to follow through on priority projects and initiatives."

The importance of the hearings is undeniable, though some might suggest that enough hearings have already been held and enough information has already been gathered and that government should be able to act on what they already know. But the fact is, government doesn't always implement the strategies and recommendations they get from the public, regardless of the cost of an inquiry or special commission and regardless of the good it might do to enhance the lives of its citizens.

It seems inconceivable that the B.C. Human Rights Commission would cancel such an important series of hearings when the discussion paper they prepared dramatically highlights the significant educational problem both now and for the future of Aboriginal Canadians.

This is one example of dozens of statements that appear in the Human Rights Commission's discussion paper.

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For more information about the *Pathways to Equality* document, the proposed hearings or their cancellation, contact the B.C. Human Rights Commission in Vancouver. Wilma Clarke, the Manager of Education and Communication can be reached at (604) 660-0692. You can also contact Project Manager Theresa Boulard at (604) 660-0831.

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**Family Fun Weekend** will once again kick off Farmfair International on November 3. Livestock such as llamas, swine, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, and alpacas, combined with events such as Team Cattle Penning, Draft Horse Pulls, Stock Dog Trials, and the Country Vocal Spotlight competition, are among many of the highlights.

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# Aboriginal art on the net: an opportunity for artists and buyers

by John Copley

As Internet use continues to grow across the world so do the opportunities for businesses, organizations and industries interested in spreading the word about their unique products and outstanding services. But Internet opportunities are not limited to groups and organizations. Individuals, especially those with talent and patience, can also take advantage of the huge marketplace now being offered to citizens around the globe via an Internet society that's been establishing itself in North America and beyond for more than a decade. But not everyone has the time or the knowledge it takes to get a product to market, to sell it for a fair price, to ship it safely, to stock it regularly, or to guarantee it properly. That's where Toni Polchies and her recent creation, canadianarttreasures.com comes in. Toni, who now makes her home in Calgary, is Maliseet and hails from New Brunswick's, Woodstock First Nation. She specializes in the sale of Aboriginal art, and it makes no difference to her what shape, size or medium the artist specializes in, as long as the work is original and it comes from the heart.

"We welcome any and all First Nation, Inuit and Metis artists who would like to exhibit their work on canadianarttreasures.com," assured Ms. Polchies. "We are non-juried and deal in every form of Native art," she added. "We showcase and help arrange the sale of all types of art, everything from non-exclusive works to private collections and individual pieces. We believe in letting the individual talent of every artist speak for itself. Every person has his or her own individual tastes and styles and not everyone appreciates a piece of artwork for the same reasons. That is why we have invited all First Nation, Inuit and Metis artists to show and sell their work on canadianarttreasures.com. The buyers decide what it is they like in a piece of art, not us."

Though canadianarttreasures.com has only been up and running since June 28 this year, it is quickly gaining a reputation for reliability. Toni knows there's room for improvement on her beautifully designed website, but the only thing it's really lacking is some of that exceptionally good artwork that young and as yet unknown Native artists are working on every day.

"We'd like to see some of that work in our gallery and that's a promise," assured Toni Polchies, who said she'd "love to hear from more artistic newcomers interested in using a little space" on her website. "Art comes in many shapes, sizes and forms," said Toni, "and it is not just for the elite to enjoy. Art does not have to have a high price tag attached before it can be considered art. It can be anything from a beautiful simple hand-made basket to a thought-provoking masterpiece by an internationally acclaimed artist. Art goes beyond just pure aesthetics - it becomes functional too. We believe that art is for everyday living and enjoyment. Whether you wear it, use it or display it, everyone appreciates art."

Of course, Toni isn't just looking for new artists. She is looking for new customers too.

"We do have a limited supply of artwork at the moment and the choice range isn't as plentiful as we expect it will be in the next few months," admitted Ms. Polchies, "but it is a good time to check out our site and see what we are currently offering and what we plan to offer our global customers as our stock and our artist list increases."

There are about a dozen artists now listed on the canadianarttreasures.com website and the categories column will give artists a good idea of what type of work the gallery is looking for.

Clients using the Internet to purchase art work through the canadianarttreasures website don't have to worry about safety and security. "We offer a secure site for the art collector to purchase from," assured Polchies, who said clients can feel free to shop night or day from the privacy of their own homes because of the secure way in which the site was set up.

For just a few dollars a month anyone can be hooked up to the World Wide Web. Some will be seeking business ideas, products and money-saving opportu-



Painting by Jean E. Tsit

nities; others will be providing them. In fact, recent statistics show that more than 68 percent of Albertans are now hooked up to the Internet.

"Get in on the ground floor if you are an artist," suggests Toni Polchies, "and help us get off the ground floor if you are an art buyer. We want your business and we're willing to prove that we deserve it. Our guarantees are solid, our delivery date scheduling is accurate, our artists are talented and we don't put a charge on anyone's Visa or Mastercard until the day we actually ship the piece out. You can count on both our reliability and our integrity."

The first thing to do, of course, is to check out the www.canadianarttreasures.com website. You'll quickly discover that each person in the "Artist List" has a full bio included on the site, most accompanied by current information about the artist, their awards and other distinctions.

"I've always had a love for art and for the beauty it creates both in our homes and in our hearts," said Toni Polchies. "Now I want others to have the opportunity to see what I see. I want our buyers to know that when they order from us, they're getting the best our artists have to offer. I want our artists to know that their work is cherished and if they make it, buyer will come."

For more detail and/or correspondence information with canadianarttreasures gallery owner, Toni Polchies, check out www.canadianarttreasures.com website, e-mail canadianarttreasures@home.com or phone (403) 247-6510.

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# The Healing Journey

## Breast health for all women

by Joan Hauber

Breast cancer is a very common disease for women. We are learning more and more about breast cancer all the time. Right now, there is no way to stop women from getting breast cancer. However, most doctors believe that finding breast cancer early is the best way to stop women from dying of breast cancer. All women should take the time to take care of their breasts.

- If you are 20 - 40 years old, you should check your breasts once a month;
- If you are 40 - 50 years old, you should check your breasts once a month and have your doctor check your breasts once a year;
- If you are 50 years old or over, you should check your breasts once a month, have your doctor check your breasts once a year and have a screening mammogram (breast x-ray) once every two years.

Over the last few years, special programs called screening programs have been set up. These programs provide screening mammograms to women. Most provinces in Canada have a screening program. The screening program in Alberta is called Screen Test. Screen Test has two clinics — one in Calgary and one in Edmonton. Screen Test also has a mobile clinic for women who can't travel to one of the clinics. The mammograms women have at Screen Test can find cancers when they are very small. When cancers are found when they are very small, there is a better chance that the cancer can be cured.

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- the nipples change;
- blood comes out of the nipples;
- a new lump.

These signs do not mean you have breast cancer. They do mean you should see your doctor.

The Screen Test Centre in Edmonton has a special project where two Aboriginal women called "Breast Health Peer Educators" help other Aboriginal women learn



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more about breast health. In November, 2001, Screen Test will be setting up a mobile clinic at the Red Road Healing Society and Boyle McCauley Health Centre to give Aboriginal women the chance to have a screening mammogram and learn more about breast health. For more information about this, you may call the Screen Test Centre at (780) 474-4300 or one of Screen Test's Breast Health Peer Educators: Maggie McGeough at (780) 455-5139 or Irene Giroux at (780) 491-5430.

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## Keeping an open mind

by Xavier Kataquapit

There are many differences between life in First

Nation communities as compared to living in the non-Native world. One thing I notice is how badly the non-Native world treats those people who are different or who may have mental problems in a negative way. I notice in the cities and even small towns that people who stand out and are not part of the norm, are either set aside and ignored or discriminated against. In big cities like Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal I have seen so many people standing on the street corners begging for money, living under bridges and rummaging through garbage.

In the non-Native world there is no place for those who do not fit in. We are very hard on people with additions, mental problems and dysfunctions. As part of a visible minority I get treated differently than my Caucasian friends. It is sad but true. When I am travelling and checking into a hotel or motel the first reaction from the people at reception is always cool but if one of my white Caucasian friends is booking the room, everyone is all smiles.

In Native communities people who are different are accepted for who they are. I know that when I was growing up in Attawapiskat, it was normal to see people who were different more or less fit into the community. Granted these people usually got nicknames but that was mainly done in good humour. People in my community did not totally ignore or push aside those who were different or less fortunate. I grew up being comfortable in accepting those who were different from the norm. I learned that everyone

has a gift and also a place in the community.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying that life was perfect back home. There was a lot of chaos as a result of addictions and dysfunctions but there was also a lot of humanity.

Perhaps my experience as a visible minority has taught me what it is like to be discriminated against. In turn this has made me more sensitive to those who are not part of the norm.

I have discovered that there is a very fine line between what is normal and what is not normal. As a visible minority I have often been discriminated against because of the colour of my skin. One thing I really don't understand and find quite hilarious is the fact that thousands of Caucasian people spend a great deal of money and travel great distances to get nice brown tans. How is it that the fact that I was born with a tan rarely makes a little lower on the social totem pole? If you really think about it most of the prejudices that we have are based on ignorance, fear and insecurity.

I know many good people who still somehow think that they are better than others. These are intelligent people who should know better about the fact is they have never had the experience or education to provide them with a different view. More and more I see cultural awareness and sensitivity being taught in school and I think this is great. Perhaps this should be expanded to cover all forms of discrimination. We don't just need smart people; we need smart, kind people to make this world a better place.

tively, can do to help.

"By developing a greater awareness, we can create a more compassionate and sensitive approach to working with high risk kids, their families and communities," Roddy explains.

Participants describe the workshop as "highly informative, inspirational, life changing, and unlike any other workshop or seminar." This unique and powerful workshop challenges outdated belief systems, creates new values and skills, and embraces a truer sense of teamwork, cooperation and the collective spirit needed to impact youth.

The High Risk Kids II workshop, a follow-up to High Risk Kids, teaches how to develop and implement action plans and programs for organizations or communities to immediately bring about positive change. With offices in Tucson, Arizona and Edmonton, Alberta, Recovery Foundation has been as far north as the Arctic Circle, south to Mexico and many places in between, and assures that its work to help kids, families and communities will continue "as long as there is a need."

For more information about the High Risk Kids workshop or other Recovery Foundation workshops and services, call 1-800-780-7230 or write to Recovery Foundation, P.O. Box 89547, Tucson AZ 85712-9547.



## High Risk Kids workshop gives solutions for positive change

by Gayle Roddy

When the people of The Navajo Nation in Arizona saw an alarming percentage of their youth slipping away to drugs, alcohol, gangs, violence and suicide, Richard Roddy, director and co-founder of Recovery Foundation, saw that many communities face the same issues. At their request, Roddy designed the Working With High Risk Kids, their Families and Communities workshop to address this growing problem. Two years later, the High Risk Kids workshop has had over 7,000 participants in the U.S. and Canada, and maintains a commitment to make a difference.

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## Coon Come meets with Bishop Desmond Tutu

National Chief Matthew Coon Come flew to Cape Town earlier this month for a personal meeting with Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu, as part of his mission to South Africa to participate in the World Conference Against Racism in Durban.

"I communicated to Bishop Tutu that we were in South Africa to tell our story of ongoing structural discrimination and gross social and economic disparities in Canada affecting Aboriginal peoples," said Coon Come. "I received an extremely sympathetic hearing, which I knew I would because the bishop - unlike most Canadians who have been criticizing my recent outreach - has personally visited our Indian reserves and wept at what he saw. This morning, Bishop Tutu expressed his sadness and dismay that these things are continuing in Canada and that our people are still dispossessed."

"As Canadians, we both believe that there must be reconciliation between those who are marginalized and those who are in power. But before there can be reconciliation, there must be truth, and this is a threshold that we in Canada have yet to cross," said Coon Come.

Coon Come represented First Nations Peoples in Canada at the mass state funeral in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, of Govan Mbeki, the much-beloved comrade of Nelson Mandela's and father of the present South African President. Coon Come is being afforded protocol assistance as a visiting governmental dignitary.

"I am gratified that in spite of a few calls for me to apologise for telling the Canadian truth internationally, there has been an outpouring of support for my message from many ordinary Canadians, the churches, and human rights organizations," said Coon Come in response to reactions in Canada.

"I will not be silent as long as there are gross disparities systematically facing my people right across Canada," said Coon Come. "Our reality is still hungry Aboriginal children, living in inadequate shelter and unsafe communities, lacking safe drinking water and sanitation, facing over-incarceration, suicide epidemics, helplessness and despair. This is not the reality facing all other Canadians."

Coon Come's recent message of racism affecting Indigenous peoples in Canada, as disseminated at WCAR in Durban, has received support from such prominent organizations as Rights and Democracy in Montreal and Kairos Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, a coalition of Canadian churches, church based agencies and religious organizations based in Toronto.

Kairos said that Coon Come's words were "a critique of systems and structures that continue to marginalize an identifiable group within our society. These problems of systemic racism have been identified by national and international organizations, including the Centre for Rights and Democracy in Montreal, and during various 'compliance-reviews' of the UN. Unfortunately, Minister Nault's response (to Coon Come) does not encourage Canadians to weigh the substantive points raised by the chief, but instead fans the flames of racial tensions."

Kairos continued: "Minister (Nault) failed to mention that the National Chief praised Canada on several key points, including its work as upholding human rights abroad. The National Chief also recognized that Indigenous peoples in other countries face 'much worse' conditions than do Aboriginal people in Canada. However, he rightly called Canada to a higher standard given the enormous wealth of this country."



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# Summer Music Festival washed out by small crowds

by John Copley

Edmonton's first Indian Summer Music Festival was rattled by rain and smaller than expected crowds, but those who made their way to Telus Field for the September 1 event had a good time, and everyone enjoyed the music and the singers, dancers and other performers.

The volunteer and security crews running the event were the first to arrive at Telus Field, home of the Edmonton Trappers Baseball Club. When the 9:00 a.m. production/committee meeting and a 10 o'clock security briefing event got underway the sun was shining and the radio reports (wrong again!) called for isolated showers and just a small chance of rain "Ah, we can only wish..." shivered event organizer, Leon Anthony, just a few hours later as he and I stood side by side, hanging tightly onto the aluminum bars that were holding the tent we were standing under. The winds, which appeared suddenly and swiftly from the northwest were threatening to blow away the tables, chairs and tents so we held on until members of War Party and others from Eagle and Hawk grabbed a bunch of sand bags and began wrapping them around the tent's legs and pegs.

The music got underway at 1:00 p.m. with enter-

tainers taking to the stage in 15-minute intervals, though some gigs did run a little longer. Joanne Storm was the first entertainer to greet the as yet small crowd of about 20 onlookers.

Not including security staff and other workers, and she did a great job as the opening act. Sabrina Wood was next up, and I must admit, I got busy mingling and talking and missed her music, but it must have been good because the cheering was loud and all hands were making thunder.

As the show rolled on throughout the mid-afternoon the crowd got bigger, the music got louder and the sky got darker. But not before a whole bunch of terrific music was played and some great people were met.

Metis singers/songwriters Dawn Ferguson and Julie Robertson first sang together about seven years ago. The two, both members of the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement in north-central Alberta, now form a group called CreeActive Harmony, and that's just what they gave to the 60 or so souls who sat scattered across the infield in front of the fenced-off stage. It was 1:30 in the afternoon when CreeActive Harmony, accompanied by Rory Collins, an accomplished local guitar playing professional, took to the stage. Sweet to the ears, no question about it. For me, it was the fastest 15 minutes of the early afternoon. If you haven't yet heard music by CreeActive Harmony, it's time you did. They've got a great track record. Lots of awards and their new CD *A Tribute to Elders II* has been nominated for this year's Prairie Music Awards. The event takes place at Edmonton's Winspear Centre on September 30. See a review of CreeActive Harmony's latest CD elsewhere in this issue of *Alberta Native News*.

Claude McKenzie, Lucie Idlout and Howie Miller were among the other entertainers signed up to perform at this year's Summer Music event but between the rain and the wind and the ducking for cover and the drying off, I didn't get to see them all.

I did catch War Party, however, and Eagle and Hawk and Mishi Donovan. War Party, an upbeat group with a message in every song, turned out to be one of the fan favourites, as did Eagle and Hawk, a tremendously upbeat, up-tempo troupe that included a spectacular display of hoop dancing in its repertoire.

Juneau Award winner, Mishi Donovan, one of Alberta's best known female vocalists, also with an impressive list of CD releases on her successful music inventory, was another of the featured performers at the Indian Summer Music Festival. As always, Donovan sparkled on stage and the audience didn't fail to show their appreciation.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the introduction of well-known Native television and film stars, Nathaniel Arcand and Dakota House. The two celebrities had time for a smile and joke but they too were caught in the rain and were forced to find shelter.

It was nearly four o'clock in the afternoon when the biggest downpour unleashed itself on Telus Field, chasing everyone under cover, and some right out of the park.

"This weather is very disappointing that's for sure," said Mark Robertson, husband of CreeActive Harmony singer/partner Julie Robertson, and the man responsible for the groups' bookings, CD cover art and other "odds and ends jobs that need doing."

"I feel for the producer of the show," added Robertson. "The crowd wasn't quite as large as everyone expected it would be and this rain sure doesn't help."

The late day downpour brought a temporary halt to the show and those that left for greener, make that drier, pastures, probably did so in the nick of time because the rain poured even harder near suppertime. But those who chose the Crowne Plaza at the top of the hill, straight up the road from the ballpark, as their rainy-day hideout, chose well. That's where the closing act of this year's Indian Summer Music Festival, Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians, got to strut their stuff. *Alberta Native News* featured a review of Secola's newest CD release, *HomeLand*, in last month's issue. The band's outstanding music performances have been winning crowds across the country and Crowne Plaza patrons, many who never expected to hear the well known band up close and personal, loved the show and asked for more.

Other scheduled performers at the festival included Breach of Trust, George Leach, Claude McKenzie and Gramma Susie.

Producer Leon Anthony told *Alberta Native News* that much of this year's Summer Festival show can be seen on *Saturday Night at the Rising Sun Cafe*, a half-hour show that Leon hosts on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. *Saturday evenings from 7:30 until 8:00 p.m.* The Summer Festival segment will air on October 6.

The crowd was small, much too small, but let's not linger on it. Let's let Mishi Donovan have the last word.

"What is needed is for Aboriginal people to get out and support the musicians, the entertainers and the atmosphere we are trying to create by performing in this show and others like it," said Mishi. "We need community support, so make it a point to come out and join us next time around."



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# Home again

by Xavier Kataquapit

I recently got back from a camping trip. As I unpacked everything I had used on my trip from the car, I remembered times back home when I did the same chore after a long journey out on the land.

In the late summer dad often took the opportunity of good weather to bring the family out to James Bay for short trips to Akamiskis Island or one of the smaller Twin Islands. Dad always handled the controls of the boat when he brought us out on the bay. Most of the time there would be about ten of us packed into a 22 or 24 foot freighter canoe. After spending time on the land living in prospector tents, near open fires and eating traditional foods it always felt good to head home. A ride on a freighter canoe out on the open saltwater bay is hard and exhausting. The wind is usually fierce and often storms come up which results in rough water.

It was always good to head home. As we neared the river we could see the bright red light of the communications tower in Attawapiskat on the horizon. This was the first sight to greet us on our way back to the community. The red glow from the communications tower meant we were close to home but we had to pay attention to see it, as it was only visible over the horizon for a short time. Then we entered the Attawapiskat River.

Out on the bay in rough water everyone covered up with a tarp to keep from getting too wet. Even if it was not raining the spray from our canoe crashing through the waves came into the boat. Everyone became excited as we found and then followed the marker buoys alerting us to shallow water. Of course this meant we were at the river entrance. As we entered the river we left the grey salt water and crossed into the dark tea coloured fresh water at the mouth of the river. Once on the river we could pull off the tarp as the water was more calm.

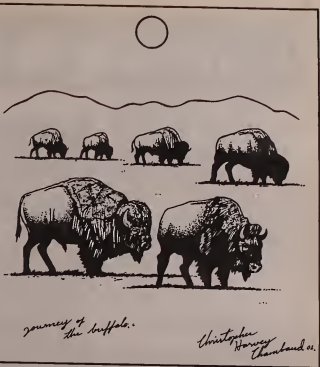
It was always a relief to be back in the protection of the river again. Even though we had done this trip many times we were still happy to note the landmarks that we pointed out as we made our way down the Attawapiskat River. We floated by the standing wooden poles that mark the river's shallow banks. As we continued we grew excited as the boat rounded a familiar point on the river where the remnants of an old goose camp stand. The next important landmark was Potato Island. Once we saw the island we knew home was just a few minutes away.

As we rounded the island we could pick out the bright red glow of the communications tower. As the 40 horsepower Yamaha pushed us along we could now see some of the familiar landmarks of Attawapiskat. We caught a glimpse of the large white Catholic church as we neared the shoreline.

Dad slowed the boat as we drew up to the riverbank where some of the Elders of the community and many children waited to see who was coming in. As dad eased the boat up onto the pebble shore, one of us jumped out to take the line and secure the boat. Then as each one of us left the canoe we picked something up to transport back to the house.

Once in the community dad or one of my older brothers would have to walk across town to fetch the truck. When the truck arrived we loaded everything into it. Before we left for home we hauled the canoe up onto land. There were always many canoes sitting on or near this spot.

Once we arrived home there was still a lot of work to do. Camping equipment, the outboard motor and gas went into the shed and everything else went into the



house to be sorted and stored away for future trips.

After a long trip out on the land it was always good to come back to the luxury of our modern home. We all felt renewed and refreshed from our experience out on the land. We were also exhausted and we were happy to have a meal, a cup of tea and then the warmth of our beds.

Tonight, I am tired from my camping trip and the long car ride and after having packed everything away I am happy to be safe and sound and in a warm familiar place. I am home.



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# Focusing On Dawson Creek

## Dawson Creek, B.C. – “there’s no place like home”

by John Copley

Dawson Creek, British Columbia, or as some like to refer to it, Mile 0 on the Alaska Highway, often misrepresents itself in our minds as being cold and weary and wind blown. In fact it is warm, calm and quite lively, especially in the spring, summer and fall, when it turns into a hub of activity as tourists make their way into the Northwest Territories or, returning from Alaska, are swinging south toward Prince George and points beyond. Even when the area does go through its traditional northern Canadian cold spell, the air is often warmed by the chinook winds blowing across the mountains and onto the rolling hills that surround the region.

Dawson Creek was named after George Mercer Dawson (1849-1901), a geologist, naturalist and archaeologist who worked his way along the 49th parallel and explored the vast region between the Lake of the Wonders and the Pacific Ocean. A veteran of many exploratory expeditions and campaigns into the wilderness regions of northern B.C. and the Queen Charlotte's, Dawson began the trek in 1873 and remained in the region after completing the job in 1874.

Dawson was just six years old when his father, who had registered himself as a student at McGill University, moved the family from their home in Pietou, Nova Scotia to Montreal. He would later become Sir William Dawson; he would also become the principal of McGill University. The Alaska Highway, or as some call it, the Alcan Highway, was built by the United States Army during World War II. Completed in 1942, the highway, which begins at Dawson Creek and ends at Fairbanks, Alaska, stretches across more than 2,400 km of Canadian and American soil. A military supply route during the war years, the Alaska Highway opened to the general public in 1947. Dawson Creek is just one of the many communities in northeastern B.C. to benefit from the popular highway, today one of the biggest tourist attractions in the Canadian northwest.



Dawson Creek is the second largest city in northeastern B.C.; Fort St. John holds the distinction of having the largest population base, but Dawson Creek is arguably the biggest when it comes to attracting tourists. With an economy that counts on the region's vast timber supply as well as abundant oil and gas fields, Dawson Creek has grown to more than 12,000 permanent residents, shedding southern myths that

often depict the region as desolate and inactive. Because its central location in the Peace River region makes it a natural distribution and transportation centre for northern B.C., the Dawson Creek region has been the benefactor of more than \$220 million of provincial money. The money, which has been delivered via the province's Northern Roads Initiative, has

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- Dawson Creek, located at 55°44'N Latitude and 120°11'W Longitude, is 2,148 feet above sea level, a measure taken at the Dawson Creek Airport (655 Metres). Average rainfall is 327.8mm; average snowfall is 170.7 cm
- The city's art gallery is located in a renovated grain elevator annex. Local artists and many traveling collections from a variety of major galleries are featured throughout the year.
- The city's Northern Alberta Railway Park, which marks the actual beginning of the Alaska Highway, houses a station museum and a Visitor's Information Centre.
- Relive the past with a visit to Walter Wright Pioneer Village, a quaint settlement reminiscent of the time before the highway was built. The site, filled with an array of antique farm machinery from the past, also houses some interesting shops and a full-course restaurant. The Sudeten Memorial Hall, where guests can learn the history of the Sudeten people who arrived in the region in 1939, fleeing Hitler's Nazi regime, is also located in the village.
- Guests arriving in Dawson Creek will want to check whether or not there's a performance scheduled in Unchagah Hall, a 630 seat performing arts centre that hosts numerous dance, drama and musicals each year.
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Left: Walter Wright Pioneer Village  
Below: Dawson Creek Station Museum and Visitor Information Centre



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helped to revitalize and expand roads throughout the region. An outstanding selection of hotels, motels, RV parks and campsites, as well as fine restaurants, theatres, art galleries and plenty of outdoor activity, all help to make Dawson Creek not only a place you'd like to visit, but perhaps a place you'd like to live.

The Council and city administration are well known for their pro-active stance toward commerce and growth and the constant stability these groups have earned is credited with the fact that there hasn't been a single municipal tax increase in Dawson Creek in the past five years. Working together on numerous economic development projects, both groups are determined to meet the city's goals and objectives of establishing Dawson Creek as the place to live, work and retire. The group also wants to develop the city as the business, service and transportation centre of the Peace River region, something the City of Dawson Creek is well on its way to accomplishing.

Fishing, hunting, hiking, berry-picking, swimming,

golfing, skiing, snowmobiling, curling, bowling, skating and panoramas around every corner makes Dawson Creek an ideal place to visit, but an even better place to build, buy or relocate away from the hustle and bustle of the bigger urban centres located further south.

The energy industry is big in Dawson Creek and area and includes oil and gas, mining, power generating stations and both manufacturing and technology industries. Agriculture has always been a mainstay in the region and not much has changed since the first farmers and ranchers started settling in the region in the early 1920s. Grassy prairies, rolling hills, pristine parklands, boreal forests and lush green pastures help to keep agriculture on top as one of the biggest business boosters in the region.

The fact is, there are more businesses in Dawson Creek that serve and service the agricultural community than any other single industry.

With fields chock full of barley, canola, fescue, oats, hay, peas, wheat and

more, it's not difficult to tell that area farmers enjoy the exceptionally long summer days and the abundant rainfalls that help crops grow vigorously and mature quickly.

"Dawson Creek," says Mayor Blair Lekstrom, "has more to offer in providing a better lifestyle than any other community in the area with our modern recreation facilities, service to the oil and gas industry and our large agricultural community. Dawson Creek is the place to live and work in the Peace River area. It is a great place to raise your family and retire. We are committed to encouraging investment. Whether industrial, commercial or residential - we are open for business." For more information about Dawson Creek contact: City Hall at (250) 784-3600 or the Chamber of Commerce at (250) 782-4868.

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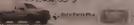
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# Learning and Literature

## book review

### Remember Us: Metis Veterans

by the Gabriel Dumont Institute;  
compiled by Dave Hutchinson,  
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edited by Harvey J. Linnen;  
ISBN 0-920915-36-1  
Review by John Copely

The Gabriel Dumont Institute of Metis Studies and Applied Research is making certain that the contributions of Canada's Metis veterans are never forgotten. Their book, first released in 1997, entitled, *Remember Us: Metis Veterans*, an interesting selection of stories about the frustration, happiness, sorrow and joy that Metis veterans brought back from two world wars and the Korean conflict.

The 8.5 by 11 inch soft-covered, 130 page book includes the stories of 33 Canadian Metis veterans, each of whom served in one of Canada's three military services, the army, the navy and the air force.

From Amyotte (John) to Umpherville (Charlie), the 33 stories, presented by the editors in alphabetical order, provide hours of interesting reading from the battlefields of Europe and from the gathering stations across Canada and Europe, particularly Great Britain. John Amyotte, for example, originally from Lebert,

Saskatchewan, left his dairy farm job in the summer of 1940 and joined the 76 Field Battery, a regiment within the Royal Canadian Armoured (RCA) Corps. Joining the army at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, after walking a dozen miles to get there, John wound up at the Armed Forces Base in Petawawa, Ontario, where he underwent some basic training before leaving for Halifax where he caught a ship to Scotland. Eventually moving on to Aldershot, England, a major training centre during the Second World War, John's experiences will whet the appetite of anyone who enjoys a good tale. John, who says he enjoyed the travel, the people and the experiences he gained while serving the military of his country, joined August 1, 1940 and served until October 20, 1945.

Dorothy Askwith, the only girl from her Saskatchewan Metis community to enlist in the RCAF, was elated when she learned that she'd make an entire \$1.25 per day after her enlistment, a full \$1 more than she'd been making before she enlisted. Dorothy, who went to inquire about joining the forces, ended up enlisted before she left the recruiting office. After initial paper work, Dorothy took the medical, signed a paper and prepared to leave for Ontario.

"I had tickets the length of my arm; meal tickets, sleeper tickets," recollects Askwith, who was aboard the CNR passenger train the very next morning, bound for Ottawa.

Dorothy Askwith found alcohol in the military—and she suffered because of it. A few years after her first marriage broke up — "...wartime marriages never work..." she married again — this time for over 40 years. A member of AA, an organization she credits with changing her life and giving it new meaning. Dorothy encourages others with alcohol addiction problems to seek their support.

"I'm glad that I was an alcoholic," said Askwith, relating her story, "because I was exposed to this program and we recovering alcoholics are a unique kind of people. We have lived two different lifestyles in one lifetime. I know the physical, mental and emotional trauma that I went through. And now I know the recovery and the abundant, chemical free life. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Leo Belanger joined the army on June 16, 1941, leaving his home in Chagonsa, Saskatchewan, for a uniform and a decent day's pay. A participant of numerous battles and engagements with the enemy, including the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion at Normandy, France, Leo was twice a casualty of war, the last time from a blast of a Tiger (tank) 88 shell. On February 11, 1946, he called it a day, deciding not to re-enlist. He returned to the same arena he marched and fought through in 1944/45 as a visitor in 1992, but no land mark remained that he could remember.

Ron Camponi — who enlisted at age 16, was 18 when the war ended so he got out of the services in 1946.

"By December," he writes, "the army was asking for people to go back in." He couldn't resist. When his hitch was over, 29 and a half years had passed by. Ron was just 46 years old. He enjoyed the army, but says he



"honestly think(s) that the Metis and the Aboriginal veterans were really shafted."

Like others in the book, Camponi says information for Natives was scarce and that many were never told of the benefits they were entitled to. He says the Department of Veterans Affairs should have launched a full scale investigation years ago, but never did. Even he, a 30 year veteran, lost his bid for land he was entitled to — all because he was in the service on deadline day, a result of having to move to a different posting every three years.

"By the time I got discharged, the deadline had run out to qualify for land," he writes. "Bureaucracy — you have to have it I suppose, but..."

Maurice Blondeau, born in the village of Lebert; Euclide Boyer, from just north of Batoche; Leo Belanger who hailed from Chagonsa; Cliff Hessdorfer, originally from Wakaw ... and the list goes on. Nearly three dozen Metis veterans have told their stories in *Remember Us: Metis Veterans*. Their memories are as fresh as though the events they endured, the battles they faced and the odds they overcame, happened just yesterday. Their personal experiences, their memories, their fears, their accomplishments and the lives they lead today because of the role they played in history, are both interesting and educational. Humour, sadness, joy and terror — this book has all the elements needed to keep any reader awake at night, glued to the pages by the brilliant text and the realistic memories of those who were there, on the front lines, fighting to retain freedom and democracy in a time of tyranny and terror.

Canada's Metis veterans number in the thousands. *Remember Us: Metis Veterans* just skims the surface of those who were there but it sheds light and honour on all those Metis citizens who went to war for their country. Information and order requests can be directed to the Gabriel Dumont Institute, 121 Broadway Ave. West, Regina, Saskatchewan S4N 0Z6.

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# book review Medicine That Walks: Disease, Medicine and Canadian Plains Native People, 1880-1940

by Maureen K. Lux  
Published by: University of Toronto Press  
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Review by John Copley

"The diseases killing the plains Aboriginal people were not contagious epidemics but the grinding diseases of poverty, malnutrition and overcrowding."  
—Excerpt: *Medicine That Walks*

Any reader knows that a book that begins with the words: "this study began as a doctoral dissertation," isn't likely to be an easy read. If however, a few paragraphs later the reader comes across a passage that says: "the most fascinating and enlightening aspect of a study like this is the opportunity to meet with Aboriginal Elders..." a totally different perspective can develop.

Such is the case with *Medicine That Walks: Disease, Medicine and Canadian Plains Native People, 1880-1940*, a new book release by the University of Toronto Press, written by Maureen K. Lux, a post-doctoral fellow at the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine. The subject matter may be a little complicated, but the author's excellent storytelling abilities help to make the entire 300 pages of text both readable and understandable, though not necessarily palatable. Challenging the view that puts little importance on the value of traditional Aboriginal medicine, Lux's book takes readers on a 60 year journey into a

past that will awaken, re-educate, stimulate and undoubtedly stun many of those who venture there.

*Medicine That Walks* offers a grim view of the social history of medicine in Canada from 1880 through 1940. Tracing the relationship between the ailing and the healthy, Lux concentrates her focus on Aboriginal people and their wellness and says early settler diseases brought from Europe, combined with the way Natives were perceived and treated by both government and society during this time period, had everything to do with their (Native) high death rates and nothing to do with what inevitably saved them, individual stamina and the traditional medicine that Aboriginal society and culture had been using successfully for hundreds, even thousands of years.

Since the beginning of time medicine and medical personnel have been an integral part of life on earth and no culture, either new or ancient, has ever been able to survive without them.

*Medicine That Walks* offers both insight into the real ability of traditional medicines, and logical conclusions, based primarily on the conduct and misconduct of the clergy, the bureaucrats and the physicians, whose calculations and theories about Aboriginal people and their health were based on little more than ignorance and fuelled by much more than intolerance.

Readers will find themselves buried in history, travelling up river from St. Louis, through the Missouri Valley and north into Canada. It would be an adventuresome journey, perhaps even romantic for the smallpox, whooping cough, measles, influenza and other ailments that were being spread among the tribes of Turtle Island as the trapper and trader led their movement to expand.

Readers will learn why the Cree escaped much of the disease that raged through the camps of the Blackfoot and the Assiniboine, they will learn how Christianity and assimilation nearly destroyed an entire race and they will come to understand why it is that Aboriginal people have a difficult time trusting the white man's government and the institutions it supports.

Life is much different today than it was before 1940 – but much of the disease that laid waste to tens of thousands of North American Aboriginal peoples then, still flourish today. Tuberculosis is still a real threat, and diabetes is the fastest growing disease among Aboriginal populations today. Poverty, housing shortages and unemployment remain a day to day reality in most Aboriginal communities across the country. Suicide, particularly among young Native people aged 15 to 20, is on the rise across Canada, and HIV/AIDS and FAS remain constant threats that have also been increasing in numbers.

Maureen Lux has done her homework in preparing and writing *Medicine That Walks*. Her meticulous research and her logical and meaningful expression of the facts will certainly change the readers' under-



standing of western Canadian history, and the significant miscalculations of doctors and politicians that not only contributed to the ridicule and suppression of Aboriginal medicine and lifestyle, but did their best to eliminate it entirely.

*Medicine That Walks: Disease, Medicine and Canadian Plains Native People, 1880-1940* can be purchased by contacting the University of Toronto Press at 1-800-565-9523 or by faxing 1-800-221-9385. The cloth edition retails for \$50, the paper edition for \$22.95. Cheques, money orders and credit card payments are accepted.

**Medicine That Walks:**  
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Weskuchehahk thought this over for a while and then spoke to the bird, "Go and borrow some feathers from the other birds and put them on your coat. They will make you very handsome."



So, one day the bird asked his older brother, Weskuchehahk, what he should do in order to look more distinguished when he met with other birds of the woods. "Weskuchehahk, can you help me? I want to look very important and handsome."

So Weskuchanis flew off and considered the suggestion made by his older brother. Now in the month when the leaves are turning red and gold, the birds hold great powwows before they go south for the winter. Soon it would be time for such a powwow and the whiskey jack was determined to attend with a new set of feathers.

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So he went around to all the birds in the forest and begged for a feather or two here and there. With the new feathers, Weskuchanis made a fine long tail and strong wide wings for himself.



Now the whiskey jack was one fine looking bird! The time came about for the great powwow, so Weskuchanis flew off in the direction of the great meeting.



But flying along he found that he could not control his wings and tail properly. Suddenly he would turn and almost fall to the ground. He couldn't fly level very well either. When he flapped his wings he soared and then swooped downward. The whiskey jack arrived at the powwow by sailing out of the sky and crashing into the ground. The other birds laughed and laughed.

Niskuh, the Canada goose, teased him, "My, how graceful you are, Weskuchanis."

The whiskey jack was very sad and embarrassed. He flew off into the forest as the birds kept taunting and teasing him. There he tried pulling out the feathers he had borrowed but they stuck fast to his body. It was obvious that the poor whiskey jack would never fly well again so he decided to stay in the forest by himself.



To this day, Weskuchanis is very clumsy in the air and does not associate with other birds. He prefers to spend his time close to the camps of people.

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# Tales of the Crow

by Harold Sigale

After Crow finished making the world and its inhabitants, he set the patterns of much of present day human behaviour. Some ancient Indians considered Beaver Man more important, but it was Crow who recognized the extraordinary intelligence of the beaver and, removing the beaver skin, created the Beaver Man in whom he instilled a great many yek (spiritual helpers). Being super smart, Crow usually saw to it that some creature other than himself took the risks of getting done whatever it was that had to be done. He sent Hawk to get fire from which Crow became black. He sent Fox to steal flint from Bear so that fire could always be readily made when required.

Since some of the first people and animals were bad, killing and eating each other ('some people eat you up,' explained an ancient Indian), Crow had to eliminate those undesirable. So he delegated authority and yek power to his Beaver Man, who he named Atusya, meaning beaver doctor, to take on this enormous task.

Dutifully, Atusya became a monster killer. He rid the world of all cannibals. He efficiently destroyed every human who ate human flesh and the most dangerous man-eating animals such as the dinosaurs and elephants with big tusks. Since the wolf and bear possessed yek - similar yet not as great as Atusya's - he spared these species. He taught them to kill only the weak for food, killing the strong only in times of emergency. He taught the bear to enjoy eating fish, berries, ants, maggots, roots, rather than just meat. And the wolf he taught to eat mice, rats, groundhogs, gophers, squirrels and birds.

With humans, Atusya warned "duli" which meant

tabu, bad luck, beware. For example, do not wantonly kill animals for it is duli to be wasteful. Only for food, and then treat that animal with respect. Otherwise, the animal's yek will seek revenge and you will die a horrible, painful death and your own yek will join those of the dinosaurs and be lost forever. Share your food with others. Take care of the older people who no longer and hunt and fish. The grandmas and grandpas are wonderful people who belong to everybody.

After Atusya fixed things good for the people, Crow had him and his brother take off in opposite directions so that when they would eventually meet some day in the future it would prove that the world was round. A

long time later, Atusya returned and told Crow that he did not have enough yek to cross the oceans. Atusya's brother never did return.

Crow decided that Atusya's good works as Beaver Man were now done. So he put Atusya back into his beaver skin, instructing him to build dams, lodges and to vigorously procreate many more beavers so that the Natives would have plenty of furs to make clothing and to keep them warm during the cold winter months.

Having accomplished all the important tasks of Creator, and losing his title to the almighty Sun, Crow gave up his role of God and, being able to retain a great many yek, he devoted his time and energy to being a professional trickster.

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## cd review

# CreeActive Harmony: Tribute to the Elders II

Produced and Recorded by Andrew Hagen (Project I Studios)  
Review by John Copley

When Julie Robertson and Dawn Ferguson first got together to sing their songs in front of audiences back in 1994, they didn't know what lay ahead, what bridges they'd have to cross or what odds they'd have to overcome as they made their way down the musical path they'd chosen to pursue. But along the way the two women, who've actually known one another since childhood, have lived up to every challenge and learned a great deal about the huge amount of work that has to be done so people get to know your name, listen to your songs and buy your music.

Today the popular singing duo, both members of the north-central Alberta-based Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, are known far and wide as CreeActive Harmony, a successful country western act that's making music, cutting CDs and staying on top through participation, awards nominations, mainstream appearances and beautifully written and delivered music.

This year the group has been fortunate enough to release two new CDs, their latest, *Tribute to the Elders II*, has been nominated for a Prairie Music Alliance Award. This year's Prairie Music Awards will be delivered on the evening of September 30, following a three-day conference and music festival. The gala will take place at the Winspear Centre in downtown Edmonton.

CreeActive Harmony's new release provides some great listening. It is versatile, powerful and meaningful. The talent, the voices and the lyrics written by the two song-writing Metis singers are incredible. Their originality and flexibility shines brightly through the words and the music of each of the five songs you'll find on *Tribute to the Elders II*.

"From the wisdom that our Elders have passed on to us we have learned to live, to laugh and to love; it is said that the best way to teach us these things our Elders had to suffer through so much. This tribute is meant to show that we not only understand the tremendous value that the Elders bring to our lives, but also that we understand the pain and the suffering that they endured to be able to do so," said Julie and Dawn, during a short interview after their performance at the recent Indian Summer Music Festival in Edmonton.

"Without our Elders we would not be here; to honour them is to prove that we are here and that we always will be. The Elders have shown their resilience and their fortitude; it is now the time for us to do the same." And if anyone knows about resilience and fortitude, it is the members and management of CreeActive Harmony. Julie Robertson has overcome many obstacles during the past four years, including more than 40 radiation treatments, a mastectomy and countless operations to try and rid her body of a cancer that began attacking her in 1997. So far she's been successful in beating the difficult odds, and attributes her ability to stay focused on the music she and Dawn enjoy so much.

"I don't know what I'd do without the music, without the song," she confessed, "but I'm happy that I don't have to think about that. Music - writing it, composing it, singing it, recording it, watching others enjoy it - in addition to my family, these are the main things that keep me going."

*Tribute to the Elders II* is mindful of Julie's comments; Elders who hear it will

quickly recognize the mood, the insight and the tribute that CreeActive Harmony is trying to express through soft music and meaningful words that remember a time that was. Words that say thanks, give praise, and encourage recognition and support for Elders everywhere. The following is a "short list" of CreeActive Harmony's otherwise long list of credits, awards and appearances. This list doesn't include the fact that between 60 and 80 U.S. radio stations regularly play their music, as do numerous stations across Europe. They've also had several appearances on local radio and TV, something they hope to be doing more of in the near future.

CreeActive Harmony:

- opened for Chester Knight and the Wind during the Miss Indian Canada Pageant in 2000;

- performed along with Canadian superstar, Tom Jackson at the 'Back To School Fundraiser' for Edmonton's inner city children;

- received a Recording Industries Association (ARIA) nomination for Best New Recording Artist and Group of the Year for their original *Tribute to the Elders* album;

- were the recipients of the Esquaw Award for Aboriginal Women in the Arts and Entertainment Category;

- were one of fourteen Canadian artists chosen to be featured on the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame New Faces of Canadian Country Music Vol. 2 CD;

- have had two of their original country songs (*The Chains that Bind* and *A Woman, A Mother Alone*) recorded in Nashville, Tennessee;

- were asked to sing as part of the World Choir for the song *Go for the Worlds*, the theme song for the 8th IAAF World Championships in Athletics, held in Edmonton, earlier this year;

- have been featured on television's *The Sharing Circle*, *Saturday Night Live* at the *Rising Sun Cafe* (Aboriginal Peoples Television Network - APTN) and on *The Big Breakfast Morning Show* (A-Channel).

- "We are also proud to say that during the two years we've been on-line with the popular music site Mp3.com, CreeActive Harmony's songs have always been among the favorites in the top 40 charts in all genres,"

said Mark Robertson, who added that e-mail from around the world is also arriving in their mailbox each and every day.

"We have consistently received e-mails from fans all over the world - as far away as Singapore and Sweden, and all across the U.S. and Canada," added Julie and Dawn. "We are fortunate enough to have been blessed with the gift of music. Our goal is to continue our musical journey. We have been faced with many personal challenges and obstacles along the way, but our love of music keeps us strong and persistent."

For more information about CreeActive Harmony, or to inquire about booking them for your next important event, write to Box 553, Gibbons, Alberta, T0A 1N0 or check out their website at [www.creativeharmony.com](http://www.creativeharmony.com).



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# Resource Development

## Island Lake Tribal Council improves whitefish resource

by David Isaacs

Island Lake Tribal Council (ILTC), on behalf of its four member First Nations, plans to improve the market appeal of its whitefish resource, with a \$30,000 financial contribution from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

ILTC plans to partner with Transform Pack, a company which has developed a method for adding an appealing seasoning to whitefish called the Flavour Transfer System. The flavour developed will be unique to the ILTC area. The process has the added benefit of increasing the shelf life of the whitefish.

ILTC represents four First Nations: Red Sucker Lake First Nation, Garden Hill First Nation, St. Theresa Point First Nation and Wasagamack First Nation. A fish processing plant owned by and located in Garden Hill First Nation, is operated by the Island Lake Opakitawek Co-operative Ltd. (ILOOC).

The project represents a potential new market, bringing new revenue sources for the ILTC commercial fishers. The Island Lake Fishery includes a number of harvest area lakes in northeast Manitoba, with sustainable yields for whitefish estimated at 1.3 million pounds annually. The Island Lake Opakitawek Co-operative represents 53 fishers from the ILTC communities licensed to harvest these lakes. The project will also result in the skills training and employment of

five community members to conduct the new process. "The Whitefish business is a vital part of our member First Nations' economies," said Jonathan Flett, Executive Director of the Island Lake Tribal Council. "This agreement will strengthen the industry and the added value of the product will mean added benefits to the people of our communities. This new partnership with the private sector is a direct result of co-operative efforts between Island Lake Tribal Council and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada."



Funding will help to cover the costs of conducting market analysis and developing a business plan, a human resource training plan, and a quality management program, with the overall intention of negotiating a joint working agreement with Transform Pack and Island Lake Opakitawek Co-operative Ltd. The project will be managed by ILTC.

Interlake Tribal Council provided \$10,000 as well as utilizing a portion of its training budget provided by Human Resources Development Canada in the amount of \$5,000. Transform Pack has contributed \$15,000 in kind support.

The four ILTC member First Nations are located in north east Manitoba and represent a total population of approximately 7400 members.

## Frog Lake First Nation to enter oil and gas industry

by David Isaacs

Frog Lake First Nation is initiating economic development activities that include entry in Western Canada's booming oil and gas exploration drilling and production sector.

The federal contribution will be used to purchase a truck for hauling water and a vacuum truck to service the 75 new wells being drilled on-reserve. It will also help to forge partnerships with the operators of the 200 new wells in the surrounding area scheduled for drilling over the next two to three years.

The water truck will deliver water to the 75 well sites currently being drilled, while the vacuum truck will enable removal of liquids, slurries and bulk solids from the wells. Both trucks will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This is a \$300,000 project, of which the Government of Canada will provide \$75,000 and the First Nation will contribute \$75,000 in equity funding.

The project represents a significant opportunity for Frog Lake First Nation. Oil and gas exploration drilling and production in Western Canada is projected to total \$58 billion in 2001. This is a 66 percent increase over 1999.

Frog Lake First Nation successfully negotiated agreements with the well operators that includes any contracted work involving water and vacuum services for these activities to be awarded to the band membership of Frog Lake First Nation.

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## First Nations halt gas projects

In addition to blockading a Petro Canada pipeline construction site, First Nations in the northeastern part of the province have targeted three other companies in their dispute over oil and gas development. Anadarko Petroleum Corp. of Houston has shut down two projects in Halfway River First Nation territory in response to a call by the First Nation that they halt their development activities in the area. The First Nation also approached Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver and the Doig River First Nation has ordered Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. to leave its lands.

Chief Kelvin Davis told media that he wants Canadian Natural to leave the area because it received a permit from the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission to build a pipeline without consultation from the First Nation.

"We are very disappointed with the government," Chief Davis told media. "We do have rights, which are protected under our treaty. We are not against development, but we need to be involved in decisions on the permits so we get our rights recognized."

Steve Laut, a senior vice-president at Canadian Natural told media that the company has been working there for a long, long time and has secured all the permits to continue with its projects. However, he added that the First Nations "do have some issues, mostly with the B.C. government, and they are using us as leverage to get to the government and we are continuing to work with them. We don't want to cause any harm."



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The Doig River is calling for a moratorium on resource development until the completion of an environmental impact assessment. They also want Ottawa to negotiate the interpretation of their treaty rights to include a share of the benefits from oil and gas activity on their land including the massive Laderman natural gas discoveries.

Pierre Alvarez, president of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers said that the industry is taking the demands seriously and is urging the federal government and the provinces to resolve these issues with the First Nations.

The bottom line however, said Jeff Rath a band lawyer, is that the government "seems to be sticking its head in the sand and taking an approach that is going to guarantee more blockades and is going to guarantee lawsuits."

The Treaty 8 Tribal Association is in total support of the Halfway and Doig River First Nations in their struggle to protect the land from further encroachment by economic interests that would displace First Nation People. "This struggle is about the very core of who we are as First Peoples of this land. Attempts by resource companies and both levels of government to

ignore our Aboriginal and treaty rights and title violates our sacred treaty with the Crown," says Treaty 8 Administrator Judy Maas.

The Tribal Association supports the Halfway River First Nation stand, that before any more work proceeds there must be a cumulative impact assessment on all economic activities across the Treaty 8 territory and "a full and proper accounting of all environmental and social impacts."

"Treaty No. 8 is a treaty of peace and sharing. Our people did not surrender our rights to the land, and the honour of the Crown is undermined when present-day governments ignore the true spirit and intent of the treaty," says Maas.

The provincial government has made no attempt to safeguard the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations people. "For meaningful consultation to occur, government must accept its legal obligation to consult with First Nations to avoid, mitigate and compensate for infringements and damages. It is unfortunate that government is off-loading its consultation responsibilities onto companies and companies are not equipped to address these issues," concluded Maas.

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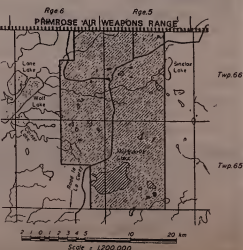
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# The Alberta Woodworking Show "in Red Deer"

by Chuck Stoffle

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This year, the show has expanded and, at the time of this article, is close to being sold out. There are too many products and services on display to mention but some include wood, woodworking tools, supplies and products, woodturning and carving supplies, craft and tote painting supplies and more. Almost every tool manufacturer will be represented at this year's show.

Considered to be a very interactive and active show by industry standards, the Alberta Woodworking Show "in Red Deer" features a number of activities for all ages. The DeWalt Family Workshop gives visitors to the show a chance to build (right on the show floor), and take home a small project. The newly developed woodworking competition is open to all ages and features seven categories with attendees voting on the winning projects. But the crowd favourite is the belt sander races and a must see when attending the show. Looking more like dragsters, these belt sanders are capable of reaching speeds in excess of 300 mph! Last year the crew from Indy Signs unofficially set a

new world speed record for belt sanders.

A variety of informative seminars will take place during the entire show and feature topics that range from router techniques and tuning your table saw to tote painting and wood chip carving. This year's feature speaker will be John Sillants from Home and Garden TV.

The Alberta Woodworking Show "in Red Deer" has something for everyone. Whether you're an expert woodworker or hobbyist this show is for you. The show is both informative and entertaining in that it has such a great mix of exhibits and activities. This year's show will take place on October 26-28 at Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta. For more detailed information please visit the Woodshows Canada web site at [www.woodshowscanada.com](http://www.woodshowscanada.com) or call the information line at 888-366-0357.



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# Economic Development

## Stó:lō Nation suggests using referendum to refocus treaty process

In a letter faxed this month to Premier Gordon Campbell, Bob Hall, Acting Stó:lō Yewal Siyam, congratulated Premier Campbell on his decision to appoint former Chilliwack Mayor and area MLA John Les to head an all party committee that will draft the question for a referendum on the B.C. Treaty process. In the letter Bob Hall also suggested that the provincial government use its upcoming referendum to drop taxation and self-government from the treaty process.

"One hundred million dollars a year is being spent every year keeping an army of bureaucrats, consultants and lawyers employed. That army has yet to achieve a single victory. Instead we have a treaty process that has been kept alive because of government coercion and the people who need the process to continue in order to keep collecting a hefty pay cheque," Bob Hall stated.

"I was recently informed that the millions of dollars the Stó:lō Nation has borrowed has to start being repaid in twelve years time," Bob Hall said, "but as of today we are no closer to reaching a proposed treaty settlement than when we started and without some streamlining of the process I don't see any treaties being signed anywhere in B.C. within the next twelve years."

In his letter to Premier Campbell, Bob Hall, writing on behalf of the Stó:lō Nation, made the following key suggestions:

- Drop the eight and twelve tax formula. As long as taxation remains on the table, every proposed treaty that goes to ratification will be defeated;
- Drop self-government from the treaty process. If First Nations want self-government that is something that should be negotiated bilaterally with Canada;

• Move aggressively ahead with interim measures. Such deals create a win not only for the local First Nation, but the businesses involved and ultimately the province.

"I would like to expand on these three key points," stated Hall, "starting with the issue of taxation. A few years ago, the Nisga'a agreed to give up their tax exempt status and allowed the imposition of sales taxes in eight years and income taxes in 12 years. That formula has been applied in a cookie-cutter like fashion to all subsequent treaty negotiations here in B.C., with the notable exception of the Treaty Eight 'adhesion' negotiations involving the McLeod Lake Indian Band. Their deal was ratified on December 17, 1999 and had no requirement that they give up their tax-exempt status."

"The Westbank First Nation has calculated that within six years of the imposition of sales and income taxes on their reserve lands, they will have paid back more to the governments of Canada and British Columbia than what they would like to see in terms of a land and cash settlement. So with the 8 and 12 formula in place there is absolutely no chance that the membership of the Westbank Indian Band would ever ratify a treaty deal with Canada and B.C. under those circumstances and neither, I assure you, would the Stó:lō Nation."

"If Canada wants to repeat Section 87 of the Indian Act, they have the power to do that at any time. The issue of taxing on reserve income is one that will sooner or later come to a head, but that is an issue Canada will have to deal with on a nation wide basis. Hamstringing the treaty process with this issue will only



ensure the continued failure of the treaty process here in B.C.

"As for self-government for some bands in the treaty process it is a priority and for others it is not. It makes no sense to force every treaty into the same cookie-cutter mould. It seems likely that this Fall the Westbank First Nation will ratify their self-government deal with Canada. They will have achieved self-government without having to sign a treaty, and that is how it should be. In other cases a First Nation may want to have a treaty in place first and then look at self-government after the fact."

"Assuming the Westbank deal is ratified you will then have the problem of trying to inform all of the other First Nations in the treaty process that they can't have a self-government deal as good as what Westbank achieved and that they can only have a municipal style of self-government because that is what you have unilaterally decreed. Again it is a recipe for failure and unnecessary confrontation."

"No First Nation is ever going to vote to give itself mere municipal status in terms of self-government. So if you stick to that position all we have is more time and money being wasted on fruitless negotiations that serve to discourage rather than encourage private sector investment here in British Columbia."

Bob Hall continued, saying that interim measures are good common sense. By moving aggressively on interim measures it allows private sector investment and development to occur while at the same time providing some meaningful progress and benefit to all parties involved in the treaty negotiations process.

"With these suggestions, the Campbell government has an opportunity to break the log jam on the treaty process and get the settlements we all need in order to get increased economic investment happening in our local Native and non-Native communities," Bob Hall stated.

"If the treaty process continues to spin its wheels as it is doing now, sooner or later both the Native and non-Native public are going to get very angry at the ongoing waste of money. The way things stand right now, I don't think there is a single First Nation here in B.C. that expects they will ever reach a treaty settlement," he added.

"I hope that Premier Campbell, Attorney General Geoff Plant, and MLA John Les take a serious look at the suggestions I have put forward here. If they do, then I think we will at long last be on our way to resolving these issues that have cost all of us several billion dollars a year in foregone investment. As an Aboriginal leader and as a businessman, I understand the importance of this and I am confident that Premier Campbell does too."



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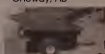
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# Remote community launches high-tech network

by Chris Bellard

Despite being isolated and off the normal communications grid, the small community of Delina launched *Access Delina* last month, bringing the community highspeed Internet, linking three levels of government on a WAN and offering the community a free access point for Internet.

*Access Delina* is more than hardware and software. It's unique to the north for a variety of reasons, primarily because it demonstrates the commitment and vision this 650-person community has shown to use the Internet as an economic and social development tool – and the savvy to bring together three levels of government and put the partners in place to make it efficient and cost effective. The community believes this solution is one that other remote Aboriginal communities can benefit from.

"Community leaders understood two years ago when we began to build this project that the Internet offered *Access Delina* advantages beyond the ability to surf the web for entertainment," says John Tutcho, president of the Delina Land Corporation. Now youth, elders, business owners and government employees can easily communicate with each other and the outside world, he added. "It brings the whole world to our door."

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As part of *Access Delina*, the community is officially launching the Delina Community Learning Network – a program to encourage lifelong learning assisted by technology. This is a pilot project supported by Human Resource Development Canada. *Access Delina* also received support from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories, as well as hundreds of volunteer hours.

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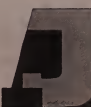
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## Truss manufacturing plant provides increased economic opportunity for Little Black River First Nation

Little Black River First Nation, with financial assistance from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, plans to expand an on-reserve truss manufacturing plant as part of its overall economic development plan.

Little Black River First Nation has been training community members in the manufacture of trusses for the construction industry since 1988 and is now confident that it has the trained labour force necessary to pursue this opportunity. Little Black River Truss Fabrication Plant will complement existing businesses in the First Nation which include a window manufacturing plant and a building supplies centre.

Equipment utilized will allow workers to be mobile and trusses will be designed and manufactured on site according to customer needs. Little Black River First Nation is a member of the Southeast Resource Development Council (SERDC). The other six First Nation members of SERDC will provide an immediate target market for the new business.

The expansion will create six full time and two part-time positions for First Nation members.

"The establishment of this operation is the direct result of a lot of hard work and dedication to the creation of a successful local business environment in our community," said Chief Sheldon Kent of the Little Black River First Nation. "We are committed to building on our successes to ensure that our First Nation

continues to prosper and to fulfil its economic development aspirations.

"This enterprise is another positive step towards Little Black River First Nation becoming a viable and self-sustaining First Nation," said the Honourable Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. "It also builds on the continued government success of partnerships and supporting strong communities, people and economies."

INAC provided a \$100,000 contribution from the department's Economic Development Opportunity Fund towards the initiative. The First Nation provided \$291,204 through assets and cash as well as \$100,000 in commercial financing.

Little Black River First Nation is located on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg 150 kilometres north of Winnipeg and has an on-reserve population of 593.

This economic development project is part of the Government of Canada's commitment to promote strong, self-sufficient First Nations communities as outlined in the recent Speech From The Throne.



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## O'Chiese First Nation to expand its economic base

O'Chiese First Nation in central Alberta has plans to expand its earthwork contracting operations through the purchase of a bulldozer.

This is a \$622,000 project, with a federal government contribution of \$100,000 from the DIAND Opportunity Fund/Resource Acquisition Initiative.

O'Chiese First Nation is a rural Alberta community of approximately 600 members located in central Alberta. The nation has devoted its efforts in economic development over the past several years to clearing sites for oil and natural gas exploration, road construction and wellsite construction activities.

Sundown Resources Inc. (wholly owned by the O'Chiese First Nation) was incorporated on May 12, 1999 to facilitate these economic development projects. The company has a major impact on the community in terms of employment, commercial service facilities on-reserve and serving as a primary example of the capability of the O'Chiese First Nation to compete in Alberta's mainstream economy.

The purchase of equipment will enable the O'Chiese First Nation to continue its current operations more efficiently and expand operations to include larger earthwork contracts. In the near future, the First Nation plans on purchasing another four pieces of heavy equipment, enabling Sundown Resources to enter the pipeline construction market.

Nine new jobs are expected to be created by this project, all of which are earmarked for First Nation members.

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## economic development briefs

### Agriculture, tourism, oil and gas sectors get boost

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, in co-operation with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN), announced recently a \$340,000 investment in First Nations agriculture, tourism, and oil and gas.

Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde have announced various initiatives as part of a comprehensive economic development strategy aimed at increasing First Nations involvement in these three key sectors.

"Our goal is to form mutually beneficial partnerships between ourselves, government, industry and the private sector," said Chief Bellegarde. "Each new venture provides us with an opportunity to contribute to the Saskatchewan economy and brings us one step closer to self-sufficiency. We want to acknowledge the excellent work of Second Vice Chief Guy Lonechili and his portfolio staff in preparing the sector strategies and coordinating the multi-party Task Force partnerships established to implement these First Nations initiatives," Chief Bellegarde added.

The federal money will be used to increase First Nation employment opportunities in agriculture, tourism, and oil and gas, and to form partnerships with other established entrepreneurs and businesses.

### Federal funding enables diversification of Sunchild's economic base

The Sunchild First Nation of southwest Alberta is preparing to establish its first on reserve business.

The Sunchild First Nation will construct and operate a 1,500 square foot, community-owned convenience store and gas business. The is a \$370,000 project, of which \$100,000 is funded by the Government of Canada and an additional \$100,000 in equity funding is provided by the First Nation.

Over the past 10 years, the Sunchild First Nation has concentrated on and has been successful at securing employment opportunities for its members in the oil and gas projects taking place around them. However, the convenience store and gas bar is the first community service business venture the First Nation has participated in. By diversifying their economic base, Sunchild is taking a large step toward ensuring their long-term economic viability and profitability.

There will be a total of eight new jobs created by this project, all of which are earmarked for First Nation members.

### Enoch Cree Nation benefits from expanded business development

The Enoch Cree Nation, located just west of Edmonton, is launching a new on-reserve business development initiative which will be a boost to the whole community.

The first phase of the project will see the Enoch Cree Nation construct and operate a 2,500 square foot, community-owned convenience store and gas bar on reserve. Over the next three years, the completed project will encompass a 7,500 square foot convenience store, gas bar, post office, laundromat and office building complex at a total cost of \$1.25 million. The federal government will provide \$100,000 toward the convenience store and gas bar. An additional \$100,000 in equity funding is provided by the Nation.

The construction of the new project will enable Enoch members to be trained and become proficient in managing and operating a business. These skills will be



transferable to other businesses. The project will also promote increased tourism and maintain the current market for gasoline and convenience store products.

By expanding their economic base, the Enoch Cree Nation is taking a large step toward ensuring their long-term economic viability and profitability.

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